

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, ~~1986~~ 1987.

May 27, 1986

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 630.

This bill establishes a Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan for an individual who is unemployed or a qualified beneficiary who would otherwise be entitled to health coverage.

House Bill 840, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 630.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Senate Bill No. 630

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan administered by the Insurance Commissioner; providing that the Plan shall provide hospital, medical, and surgical benefits to any eligible member; directing the Insurance Commissioner to procure an insurer to underwrite the Plan; authorizing the Insurance Commissioner to determine all matters and specifications relating to the Plan; requiring that premiums be based on Plan experience and be sufficient to cover all Plan costs; providing that notice of Plan benefits and eligibility requirements be given by the Insurance Commissioner, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Secretary of Employment and Training; providing that the State shall have no pecuniary liability under this Act; defining certain terms; requiring the Insurance Commissioner to issue a request for proposals to implement this Act by a certain date; and generally relating to the Maryland Group Health Insurance Plan.