

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 171.

This bill permits certain inmates to petition the circuit courts for commitment as drug addicts to the Drug Abuse Administration.

Senate Bill 74, 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 House Bill 171.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

House Bill No. 171

AN ACT concerning

Drug Addiction - Commitment of Inmates

FOR the purpose of repealing certain provisions of law that provide for petitions by inmates for commitment to the Drug Abuse Administration as addicts; repealing certain provisions of law that relate to procedures after petition by inmates; deleting certain provisions of law that relate to the commitment, supervision, discharge on rehabilitation, and termination of the commitment of inmates; providing for the application of this Act with respect to proceedings pending on a certain date; and providing for the application of this Act with respect to inmates committed before a certain date.

BY repealing

Article - Health - General
Section 9-637 through 9-643, inclusive, and the part "Part V. Commitment of Individual in Correctional Institution"
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General
Section 9-647, 9-648, 9-650, 9-652, and 9-653
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1982 Volume and 1985 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: