

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

(1) Holds a master's degree in a professional counseling field or completed a program of studies judged by the Board to be substantially equivalent in subject matter and extent of training to a master's degree in a professional counseling field;

(2) Completed not less than 3 years of supervised experience in counseling approved by the Board, 2 years of which shall have been completed after the award of the master's degree or its substantial equivalent; and

(3) Passed an examination approved by the Board.

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

June 2, 1987

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
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 663.

This bill accomplishes the same basic purpose as House Bill 1038, which passed by the General Assembly and was signed by me on June 2, 1987. Senate Bill 663 expands the types of organizations entitled to afford their agents immunity from ordinary negligence units by carrying minimum insurance coverage. Senate Bill 663 differs, however, from House Bill 1038 by permitting the organizations to establish a self-insurance program as an alternative to traditional insurance coverage.

Self-insurance has become an increasingly popular alternative to statutory insurance requirements. While many diverse groups are currently permitted to self-insure, there is no comprehensive approach or oversight to this growing area. To meet this challenge, I have appointed the Governor's Commission on Self-insurance to review and to make recommendations on the appropriate State response. I am, accordingly, reluctant to authorize an entirely new self-insurance program without benefit of the Commission's report.

Therefore, I have decided to veto Senate Bill 663.