

WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 741.

This bill prohibits a person from detaining, obstructing, impeding, or hindering an individual's passage, or undertaking any other action which would prevent a person from entering or exiting a medical facility.

House Bill 748, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 25, 1989, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 741.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 741

AN ACT concerning

Interference With Access to or Egress From a Medical Facility

FOR the purpose of prohibiting a person from preventing a person through certain actions from entering or exiting a medical facility under certain circumstances; defining a---term certain terms; providing certain penalties for a violation of this Act; and generally relating to interference with access to or egress from medical facilities.

BY adding to

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments
Section 577B
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1988 Supplement)

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

Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments

577B.

~~(A)---IN-THIS-SECTION, "ACTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE SPEECH.~~

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "ACTION" DOES NOT INCLUDE SPEECH.