

VETOES

State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1346.

This omnibus AIDS bill imposes a duty to warn on physicians, requires testing of inmates, mandates AIDS education for rescue personnel, makes it a misdemeanor to knowingly transfer AIDS to another, and adds disciplinary ground for health providers who discriminate against AIDS patients.

Senate Bill 719, 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 House Bill 1346.

Sincerely,  
William Donald Schaefer  
Governor

House Bill No. 1346

AN ACT concerning

Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Omnibus Bill

FOR the purpose of defining certain terms; altering the ~~definition--of--a-certain-term~~ definitions of certain terms; establishing procedures for health care providers for obtaining blood samples for the purposes of testing blood for the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus; authorizing certain health care providers to inform ~~local~~ health--officers certain persons of the identity of certain individuals under certain conditions; requiring the local health officer to enforce the requirements governing the control of infectious and contagious diseases when notified that an individual has tested HIV positive; establishing procedures for certain individuals to request notification that a certain exposure has occurred; providing for certain penalties; providing certain immunity to certain health care providers under certain circumstances; requiring certain persons to furnish blood samples for the purposes of testing blood for the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus under certain circumstances; requiring the notification of certain employees of the results of a certain test; requiring the provision of certain counseling to inmates and correctional employees under certain circumstances;