

May 23, 1996

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 701.

This bill abolishes the requirement that nonprofit health service plans submit proposed amendments to the terms of contracts executed with health care providers to the Maryland Insurance Administration.

House Bill 1070, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on this date, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 701.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 701

AN ACT concerning

Nonprofit Health Service Plans – Amendment of Provider Contracts

FOR the purpose of eliminating a ~~requirement that certain nonprofit health service plans submit proposed amendments to, and obtain the approval of, the Insurance Commissioner before amending certain contracts with hospitals, physicians, chiropodists, chiropractors, pharmacists, dentists, psychologists, or optometrists; making a certain stylistic change; and generally relating to the elimination of certain requirements with respect to the amendment of certain provision requiring nonprofit health service plans to submit for approval to the Insurance Commissioner the terms and provisions of the contracts executed with certain health care providers; making a clarifying change;~~ and generally relating to contracts by certain nonprofit health service plans.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 48A – Insurance Code
Section 356
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 48A – Insurance Code