

May 22, 1997

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 28.

This bill authorizes the chief officer of a correctional facility and the director of the Patuxent Institution to authorize medical treatment for a juvenile inmate, and establishes the circumstances for the exercise of that authority. In addition, the bill provides that no liability may attach to the good faith exercise of this authority.

House Bill 355, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 28.

Sincerely,  
 Parris N. Glendening  
 Governor

**Senate Bill No. 28**

AN ACT concerning

~~State and Local~~ Correctional Detention Facilities - Authorizing Authorization for Medical Treatment of Juvenile Inmates

~~FOR the purpose of authorizing the warden or administrator of a State or local detention facility, and a designee of a warden or administrator, to authorize medical treatment of a juvenile inmate; authorizing medical treatment of a juvenile inmate when in the warden's or administrator's judgment such treatment is required and a parent, guardian, or person in loco parentis of the juvenile is not available to give authorization; establishing that no liability shall attach to the warden or administrator for authorizing medical treatment in good faith; defining certain terms; and generally relating to medical treatment of juvenile inmates.~~

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain officers of certain correctional facilities, on the recommendation of a health care provider, to authorize medical treatment of a juvenile inmate of a correctional facility under certain circumstances; specifying that liability may not attach to certain officers of certain correctional facilities for authorizing medically necessary treatment of a juvenile inmate under certain circumstances; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the authorization for medical treatment of juvenile inmates in correctional facilities.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~  
 Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments  
 Section 700H