

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 609.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to establish procedures that give community mental health programs regulated by the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) the right to access a mediation process established by MHA and, if dissatisfied with the mediation outcome, to request a hearing with the Office of Administrative Hearings.

House Bill 1045, 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 609.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 609

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Administration – Core Service Agencies – Procedure

FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish certain procedures within the Mental Hygiene Administration that give certain community mental health programs the right to ~~certain hearings and the right to appeal certain decisions in a certain manner, requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations~~ access a certain mediation process and the right to request a certain hearing under certain circumstances; and generally relating to certain procedures within the Mental Hygiene Administration.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 10-1203

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General