

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 649.

This bill establishes criminal penalties for Medicaid health plan fraud or for making false representations relating to Medicaid health plans. The bill also imposes a three-year statute of limitation for offenses relating to Medicaid health plan fraud or making false representations relating to Medicaid health plans.

House Bill 1059, 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 649.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 649

AN ACT concerning

Medical Assistance Program – Fraud

FOR the purpose of establishing criminal penalties for Medicaid health plan fraud and false ~~statements~~ representations relating to Medicaid health plans; establishing a certain statute of limitations for Medicaid health plan fraud and false ~~statements~~ representations relating to Medicaid health plans under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to fraud and the Medical Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-106(a) and (i)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 5-106(t)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Health – General
Section 15-123
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1994 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

BY adding to