

(2) BY JULY 1, 2001, ESTABLISH AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR RECORDING THE ISSUANCE, RENEWAL, AND EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY PLACARDS IN A TIMELY MANNER TO ENSURE THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE TEMPORARY PLACARD PROGRAM ARE ACHIEVED IN AN EFFICIENT AND ORDERLY MANNER.

(I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, BY JULY 1, 2001, EACH BOARD FOR LICENSED PHYSICIANS, LICENSED CHIROPRACTORS, LICENSED OPTOMETRISTS, OR LICENSED PODIATRISTS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A DATABASE SYSTEM WITH WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION CAN INTERFACE AND VERIFY LICENSURE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 168.

This bill requires health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and HMOs (carriers) to provide coverage for a prosthesis for individuals who have undergone a mastectomy and have not had breast reconstruction.

Senate Bill 181, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 168.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill 168

AN ACT concerning

Health Insurance - Coverage for a Prosthesis

FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a prosthesis under certain circumstances; ~~prohibiting certain health policies or contracts from imposing a deductible on the coverage for a prosthesis under certain circumstances~~; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to coverage for a prosthesis in health insurance.

BY adding to