

consist of bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness secured by mortgages or deeds of trust that are guaranteed or insured by an instrumentality of the United States under the National Housing Act, Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, or Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 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 283.

This bill requires the Health Care Access and Cost Commission (HCACC) to determine, on an annual basis, the cost of mandated health insurance services in Maryland. HCACC must submit an annual report evaluating any mandated benefit enacted, legislatively proposed, or otherwise submitted to HCACC by a member of the General Assembly prior to July 1 of that year.

Senate Bill 625, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 283.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill 283

AN ACT concerning

Mandated Health Insurance Services - Cost Determination

FOR the purpose of requiring the Health Care Access and Cost Commission to determine the full cost of mandated health insurance services; requiring the Commission to express the full cost of mandated health insurance services as a percentage of the State's average annual wage; requiring the Commission to express the full cost of mandated health insurance services as a percentage of certain health insurance premium; requiring the Commission to report certain information to the Governor and the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to perform a certain evaluation at a certain time; authorizing the General Assembly to consider certain information in making certain determinations; defining a certain term; altering the date that a certain annual