

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 375 – Occupational Therapy – Scope of Practice.

This bill revises the law governing occupational therapists by redefining certain terms, revising procedures for the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice and amending the licensure and renewal process.

House Bill 785, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 375.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 375**

AN ACT concerning

**Occupational Therapy – Scope of Practice**

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of practice for occupational therapy professionals; altering limitations on certain practices carried out by orthotists or prosthetists; providing for the annual election of ~~the chairperson~~ one or more chairpersons of the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice; requiring the appointment of an Executive Director to the Board; authorizing the Board to employ certain staff and experts; authorizing the Board to adopt certain regulations in consultation with certain boards; altering the programs from which licensees must graduate and the examinations which licensees must pass; requiring licensees to present licenses in a certain manner; establishing certain late fees; requiring former licensees to complete certain requirements prior to reinstatement; altering certain criteria for the forfeiture of certain licenses; authorizing the Board to delegate authority to a committee of Board members to conduct certain hearings; requiring the Board members to whom hearing authority is delegated to give notice and an opportunity to file exceptions to certain persons in relation to decisions; authorizing an action to be maintained in the name of the State or the Board to enjoin certain parties in specific instances and in certain locations; providing for criminal prosecution in certain instances; altering certain terms; altering certain credentialing limitations; defining certain terms; making technical corrections; and generally relating to the scope of practice for occupational therapy professionals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 10-101, 10-102, 10-203 through 10-205, 10-301, 10-302, 10-304(a),