

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000 and shall be applicable to grants for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2001.

May 18, 2000

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 553 – Health Care Workers’ Safety Act – Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.

The bill requires the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, to adopt regulations to implement the bloodborne pathogen standard established by the federal Occupation Safety and Health Administration.

House Bill 360, 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 553.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 553

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Workers’ Safety Act - Bloodborne Pathogen Standard

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board to develop revisions to the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard for certain facilities including certain terms and requirements; requiring the Board to submit recommended revisions to the Commissioner of Labor and Industry and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene by a certain date; requiring the Commissioner and the Secretary to jointly adopt regulations containing the recommendations by a certain date; requiring the Maryland Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Board to develop certain methods for monitoring certain injuries, adopt certain regulations, track certain injuries, and submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms~~ Commissioner of Labor and Industry in consultation with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt regulations that implement the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard as established by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration; requiring the Commissioner to submit a certain notice and make certain recommendations to the General