

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2000.

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 698 – Nursing Homes – Quality of Care Oversight.

This bill establishes a 20-member Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes chaired by the Secretary of Aging.

House Bill 748, 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 698.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 698**

AN ACT concerning

**Nursing Homes – Quality of Care Oversight**

FOR the purpose of establishing an Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes; specifying the membership of the Oversight Committee; specifying the duties of the Oversight Committee; requiring the Office of Health Care Quality of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to the Oversight Committee twice annually; requiring the Department's Deputy Secretary of Health Care Financing to report to the Oversight Committee annually; requiring the Oversight Committee to make certain recommendations and to take into account and examine certain issues; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Aging to chair the Oversight Committee; requiring the Department of Aging to provide staff support for the Oversight Committee; requiring the Oversight Committee to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of the Oversight Committee; and generally relating to the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 19-1410 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 14. Nursing Homes"  
Annotated Code of Maryland