

(2) By written order, the Commissioner may allow further operation of the dental plan organization if the Commissioner finds that it is in the best interest of enrollees and that enrollees will be afforded the greatest practical opportunity to obtain continuing dental plan coverage.

(E) INSTEAD OF OR IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR REVOKING A CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY, THE COMMISSIONER MAY:

(1) IMPOSE ON THE HOLDER A PENALTY OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 BUT NOT EXCEEDING \$50,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) REQUIRE THE HOLDER TO MAKE RESTITUTION TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS SUFFERED FINANCIAL INJURY BECAUSE OF A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[(e)] (F) (1) Notwithstanding subsections (c) [and], (d), AND (E) of this section, a dental plan organization that has had its certificate of authority suspended or revoked, HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PAY A PENALTY OR MAKE RESTITUTION, or has suffered an adverse decision by the Commissioner is entitled to a hearing under § 2-210 of this article.

(2) Hearings and appeals from orders of the Commissioner are governed by §§ 2-203 and 2-210 through 2-215 of this article.

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

May 18, 2000

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 106 – State Personnel – Organ Donation Leave.

This bill provides that a State employee may request up to seven days of organ donation leave in any 12-month period to serve as a bone marrow donor and up to 30 days of organ donation leave in any 12-month period to serve as an organ donor. This bill applies to all employees, including temporary employees, of all units in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of State government, including any unit with an independent personnel system. The employee may use organ donation leave only after providing prior medical documentation of the proposed donation and obtaining approval from the employee's appointing authority.

Senate Bill 17, 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 House Bill 106.

Sincerely,