

derived from them from time to time (including any profit made in their sale) shall be and are hereby declared to be at all times exempt from State, county, municipal, or other taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever within the State of Maryland.

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide additional, alternative, and supplemental authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and may not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all previously enacted laws authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of the County, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 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 354 – Crimes – State Health Plan Fraud.

This bill revises and restates the laws relating to Medicaid fraud.

Senate Bill 322, 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 354.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 354

AN ACT concerning

Crimes - State Health Plan Fraud

FOR the purpose of revising and restating the laws relating to State health plan fraud, Medicaid fraud, and related offenses; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully defrauding or attempting to defraud a State health