

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 403 – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Alcohol Abuse and Drug Treatment Programs.

This bill requires alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs that are accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals to obtain certification from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in order to provide services in the State.

Senate Bill 350, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 403.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 403

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Alcohol Abuse and Drug Treatment Programs

FOR the purpose of requiring certain drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs to obtain certification from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before providing services; and generally relating to alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 8-403

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

8-403.

(a) In this section, "alcohol abuse and drug abuse treatment program":

(1) Means any individual or organization that provides treatment, care, or rehabilitation for individuals who show the effects of drug abuse or alcohol abuse, and represents or advertises itself as an alcohol abuse or drug abuse treatment program; and