

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 1371 - Carroll County - Bond Authorization - Carroll County General Hospital, Inc.

This bill authorizes the County Commissioners of Carroll County to issue up to \$20 million in general obligation bonds for construction and improvement of facilities at the Carroll County General Hospital. The date of maturity cannot exceed 30 years.

Senate Bill 842, 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 1371.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1371

AN ACT concerning

Carroll County - Bond Authorization - Carroll County General Hospital, Inc.

FOR the purpose of authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$20,000,000 for the purpose of lending the proceeds of the borrowing to the Carroll County General Hospital, Inc., upon such terms and conditions as may be determined by the County, which proceeds are to be used to finance the cost of certain hospital facilities, including but not limited to the construction, renovation, equipping and improvement of existing and new facilities, all as herein defined, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds in like par amount; empowering the County to fix and determine, by resolution, the form, tenor, interest rate or rates or method of determining the same, terms, conditions, maturities and all other details incident to the issuance and sale of the bonds; empowering the County to enter into agreements for the purpose of enhancing the marketability of and security for the bonds and for the purpose of securing any tender option; empowering the County to issue refunding bonds for the payment at maturity or the purchase or redemption of bonds in advance of maturity; empowering the County, by resolution, to enter into a loan agreement with Carroll County General Hospital, Inc., and related security agreements; empowering and directing the County to levy, impose and collect, annually, ad valorem taxes in rate and amount which, along with payments from Carroll County General Hospital, Inc. pursuant to the loan agreement and State and federal allotments, if any, will provide sufficient funds for the payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the bonds; exempting the bonds and refunding bonds, and the interest thereon and any income derived therefrom, from all State, county, municipal and other