

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 273 – Mental Hygiene Administration – Emergency Evaluation – Standards and Content.

This bill modifies the standards for emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders under specified circumstances. Senate Bill 273 also authorizes certain health professionals and peace officers to base the petition for emergency evaluation on certain information and modifies the required elements of a petition for emergency evaluation.

House Bill 668, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 273.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 273

AN ACT concerning

Mental Hygiene Administration – Emergency Evaluation – Standards and Content

FOR the purpose of modifying certain standards for emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders; authorizing certain individuals who make a petition for emergency evaluation to base the petition on certain information; modifying the required elements of a petition for emergency evaluation; and generally relating to emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 10–622, 10–623, and 10–626

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General