

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2003.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 294 – Consumer Protection – Maryland Consumer Protection Act – Private Rights of Action.

This bill alters the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act to exclude specified private rights of action concerning the professional services of specified health care providers.

Senate Bill 283, 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 294.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 294

AN ACT concerning

Consumer Protection – Maryland Consumer Protection Act – ~~Scope~~ Private Rights of Action

FOR the purpose of altering the scope of the Maryland Consumer Protection Act to exclude certain private rights of action concerning the professional services of certain health care providers; and generally relating to the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

BY ~~repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~ adding to
Article – Commercial Law
Section ~~13-104~~ 13-408(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY ~~repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section ~~3-2A-01(a)~~ and (e)
Annotated Code of Maryland