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(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE EXISTING RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A TOLL FREE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE THAT:

- (1) OPERATES DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS; AND
- (2) DURING NONBUSINESS HOURS ALLOWS CALLERS TO LEAVE A MESSAGE.

(B) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DISTRIBUTE TO ALL PROGRAM RECIPIENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE.

(2) THE INFORMATION SHALL STATE CLEARLY IN EASILY READABLE PRINT:

- (I) THE TOLL FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE HOTLINE; AND
- (II) THAT THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT SHOULD CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER IF THE PROGRAM RECIPIENT IS HAVING PROBLEMS GETTING NECESSARY MEDICINES.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM ABOUT THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(1) DEVELOP A METHODOLOGY TO TRACK THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CALLS RECEIVED BY THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE; AND

(2) PROVIDE A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE PHARMACY AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE THAT SUMMARIZES THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CALLS RECEIVED BY THE MARYLAND PHARMACY ACCESS HOTLINE.

SECTION 2. 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 368 – Property Tax – Full Value Assessments – Corrective.

This bill clarifies and corrects specified local laws relating to the assessment and taxation of property as the result of the transition to full value assessments, and corrects a limit on debt to reflect the changes in computation of assessments. The bill