

(II) AN ASSET HELD UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE VALUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 5-401 AND 5-402 OF THIS ARTICLE.

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 553 – Nursing Homes – Third Party Liability Reviews and Audits.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a third party liability review of the credit balances of each nursing home that receives payment from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. This legislation also permits third party liability audits of nursing homes to be conducted under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 550, 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 553.

Sincerely,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 553

AN ACT concerning

Nursing Homes – Third Party Liability Reviews and Audits

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Health Care Quality Account to be funded by certain State general funds; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to pay certain State general funds to the Comptroller; altering the purposes for which the Account may be used; requiring nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance program to provide certain financial information to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on a quarterly basis; requiring the Department to conduct third party liability reviews of certain financial information of nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance program; requiring authorizing the Department to conduct third party liability audits of a random sample of nursing homes that receive payment from the Medical Assistance program; authorizing the Department to conduct third party liability audits of certain nursing homes~~