This bill extends the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission's termination date from September 30, 2002 to September 30, 2005.

House Bill 454, 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 289.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 289

AN ACT concerning

Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission - Termination Date Extension and Modifications

FOR the purpose of extending the termination date for the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission; authorizing the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a certain number of members of the Commission for a third consecutive term beginning on a certain date; requiring the Commission to assess the impact of certain consumer safety costs and other rate system issues determined by the Commission to be appropriate; requiring the Commission to develop certain methodologies, to review and use certain data in developing certain performance measures; requiring the Commission to work with the Mental Hygiene Administration to expand the use of certain data; requiring the Commission to evaluate certain proposed regulatory changes; requiring the Commission to include certain recommended methodologies in a certain annual report by the Commission; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Developmental Disabilities Administration to respond in writing to the recommendations of the Commission within a certain time period after a certain annual report by the Commission has been issued: requiring a certain report by a certain date; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 13–801, 13–803, 13–806, 13–809, and 13–810 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General Section 13–802, 13–804, 13–805, 13–807, and 13–808 Annotated Code of Maryland (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)