

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 572 – Arthritis Prevention and Control Act.

This bill establishes the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The purpose of the program is to raise public awareness, educate consumers and educate and train health professionals, teachers and providers about arthritis. This bill requires the existing Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases to advise the Department on developing and implementing the program.

House Bill 247, 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 572.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Senate Bill No. 572

AN ACT concerning

Arthritis Prevention and Control Act

FOR the purpose of establishing the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; defining certain terms; providing for certain findings of the General Assembly related to arthritis; providing for the purposes of the Program; altering the powers and duties of the State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases; providing for the duties of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene in administering the Program; providing for the funding of the Program; and generally relating to the Arthritis Prevention and Control Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General
Section 13-501, 13-503, 13-504, 13-510, 13-511, and 13-512
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General
Section 13-501, 13-502, 13-503, 13-504, 13-505, and 13-506 to be under the amended subtitle “Subtitle 5. Arthritis Prevention and Control Act”
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General