

May 16, 2002

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 2 - Acquisition of Nonprofit Health Entity - Conditions for Approval.

This bill alters the standard for determining whether to approve the acquisition of a nonprofit health entity and eliminates a provision deeming an acquisition application approved under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 487, 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 2.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 2

AN ACT concerning

Acquisition of Nonprofit Health Entity - Conditions for Approval

FOR the purpose of altering a certain standard for making a certain determination; eliminating a certain provision deeming a certain application approved under certain circumstances; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the acquisition of a nonprofit health entity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - State Government

Section 6.5-203(g) and 6.5-301(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 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 - State Government

6.5-203.

(g) (1) [Unless the appropriate regulating entity extends for good cause under paragraph (2) of this subsection the time for making a determination under