

money that may be spent to abate a nuisance.

Senate Bill 672, 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 685.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

### House Bill No. 685

AN ACT concerning

#### **Nuisance Control - Authority to Investigate and File a Complaint - Penalties for Violations**

FOR the purpose of authorizing local health officers to investigate suspected nuisances and to file a complaint for nuisance abatement under certain circumstances in a certain court; requiring a certain notice for abatement of a nuisance; specifying the terms of a notice for abatement of a nuisance; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, a local health officer, or ~~their representative~~ the representative of the Secretary or local health officer to summarily abate a nuisance under certain circumstances; specifying certain provisions that may be included in a request for a court order; providing certain fines for certain violations of this Act; establishing certain criminal penalties for certain violations of this Act; defining a certain term; ~~requiring~~ authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to adopt certain regulations; providing for the construction of certain provisions of law; and generally relating to the abatement of nuisances.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General  
Section 20-301 and 20-314  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General  
Section 20-301, 20-302, 20-305, 20-306, 20-307, 20-308, 20-309, 20-310,  
20-311, 20-312, and 20-313  
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**