

10-1105.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, SHALL PROVIDE CENTRAL COORDINATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND PROGRAMS TO AID COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to either recommend or to require the creation of a State office to coordinate language translation and technical support for this Act. Each agency, department, or program required to implement the provisions of this Act shall do so without the assistance of a statewide office created to coordinate these services.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation each shall:

(1) consider the impact on individuals with limited English proficiency and on the operations of State government that would likely result from an alteration of the definition of "vital documents" in § 10-1102 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, to include applications and examinations related to an individual's licensure, certification, or registration by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation; and

(2) on or before July 1, 2005, report to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the conclusions reached under item (1) of this section.

SECTION 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2002.

May 15, 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 1205 - Uniformed State Employees.

House Bill 1205 permits uniformed State employees to attach a symbol of the United States flag to the employee's uniform. Under the legislation, State agencies that employ uniformed employees are required to establish guidelines for wearing the symbol of the U.S. flag, which may include the size, location and form of the symbol.

The sentiments behind House Bill 1205 are laudable in light of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the desire of Americans, including our uniformed State employees, to show their pride and support for our country. Many State agencies with uniformed employees have policies that permit a symbol of the United States flag to be worn on the uniform. The Department of Maryland State Police and Department of