

persons who offer the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan adopted in accordance with item (1) of this subsection].

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

Article—Insurance

~~15-1207.~~

~~(e) (1) Subject to [paragraph (2)] PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) of this subsection, the Commission shall exclude or limit benefits or adjust cost sharing arrangements in the Standard Plan if the average rate for the Standard Plan exceeds 10% of the average annual wage in the State.~~

~~(2) The Commission annually shall determine the average rate for the Standard Plan by using the average rate submitted by each carrier that offers the Standard Plan.~~

~~(3) THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THE STANDARD PLAN THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006.~~

~~SECTION 3. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2004. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.~~

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 720 – *Crimes – Internet Child Pornography – Removal*.

This bill requires an investigative or law enforcement officer who receives information that an item of alleged child pornography resides on a server or other storage device controlled or owned by an interactive computer service provider to contact the provider and request the provider's voluntary compliance in removing the item within a specified period of time; requiring the officer to apply for a court order if the provider does not voluntarily remove the item.

House Bill 1208, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 720.

Very truly yours,