

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 785 – *Continuing Care Facilities – Internal Grievance Procedure*.

This bill requires a provider of continuing care to include a description of the facility's internal grievance procedure in the disclosure statement to potential subscribers. It requires a provider of continuing care to establish a specified internal grievance procedure, and provides for the components of the internal grievance procedure. It also requires continuing care agreements executed between providers and subscribers to state that there is an internal grievance procedure to investigate subscriber grievances.

House Bill 1001, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 785.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

Senate Bill No. 785

AN ACT concerning

Continuing Care Facilities – Internal Grievance Procedure

FOR the purpose of requiring a provider of continuing care to include in a certain disclosure statement a description of the facility's internal grievance procedure; requiring a provider of continuing care to establish a certain internal grievance procedure; providing for the components of the internal grievance procedure; requiring certain continuing care agreements to state that there is an internal grievance procedure to investigate subscriber grievances; and generally relating to an internal grievance procedure for continuing care facilities.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 70B – Department of Aging
Section 11C and 13
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2003 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article 70B – Department of Aging
Section 11G