

~~(P) (Q) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL OBTAIN LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL, PRIOR TO APPLYING TO THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES FOR ANY WAIVER UNDER § 1116 OR § 1015(C) OF THE FEDERAL SOCIAL SECURITY ACT THE WAIVER UNDER THIS SECTION, SUBMIT THE PROPOSED WAIVER TO THE LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE FOR ITS REVIEW AND COMMENT.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, in developing the requirements for certification under § 15-141(k) of the Health - General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall study ways to provide incentives for community care organizations that are locally owned, controlled, and operated, and shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before September 30, 2004.

~~SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Aging shall develop a plan to assist local area agencies on aging under § 15-132(l) of the Health - General Article, as added by this Act, in recruiting staff, assisting with enrollment services, and monitoring providers, and for updating the provider system to account for differences in provider size and type. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2004 shall annually report to the General Assembly beginning on December 1, 2004, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of the program developed under § 15-141 of the Health - General Article as enacted by this Act.~~

SECTION 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall initially submit emergency regulations to begin implementation of the program developed under § 15-141 of the Health - General Article as enacted by this Act.

SECTION 4. 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That unless further action is taken by the General Assembly, the program developed under § 15-141 of the Health - General Article as enacted by this Act shall terminate at the end of May 31, 2008.

~~SECTION 3. 5. 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004.~~

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 836 - *Dorchester County - County Council - Building Excise Tax.*