H.B. 1410 VETOES

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Correctional Services

Section 8-103(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1999 Volume and 2003 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Correctional Services

8-103.

- (a) (1) With the advice of the Commission, the Secretary shall adopt regulations that establish minimum mandatory standards applicable to security and inmate control, inmate safety, inmate food services, inmate housing and sanitation, inmate rights, classification, hearings, VICTIM NOTIFICATION, RESTITUTION, and administrative record keeping.
- (2) The minimum mandatory standards adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall apply to all State and local correctional facilities.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

The Honorable Michael E. Busch 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 1410 – Health Insurance – Treatment of Morbid Obesity.

This bill clarifies the circumstances under which insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations must provide coverage for the surgical treatment of morbid obesity and establishes a Task Force to Study Utilization Review of the Surgical Treatment of Morbid Obesity.

Senate Bill 868, 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 House Bill 1410.

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