

SECTION ~~2~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2004. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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 1425 – *Health – General – Nursing Referral Service Agencies – Licensing*.

This bill authorizes the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue, deny, suspend, or revoke a license for a nursing referral service agency. It requires a nursing referral service agency to obtain a license from the Department before operating nursing referral agency services, and requires a nursing referral services agency to apply for a criminal history records check or request a background check to screen licensed health professionals or specified care providers, and makes the Act an emergency measure.

Senate Bill 550, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 13, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1425.

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

House Bill No. 1425

AN ACT concerning

~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Employment Agencies –
Nursing Referral Services~~

Health – General – Nursing Referral Service Agencies – Licensing

~~FOR the purpose of providing for the establishment of certain nursing referral services; prohibiting certain nursing referral services from having an employment relationship with certain individuals; requiring certain individuals to be licensed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene before operating certain nursing referral services; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring certain nursing referral services to develop and implement certain procedures relating to the screening of certain licensed health professionals or certain care providers; requiring the Department to issue~~