

(III) Closing the licensed premises for more than 30 days without the Board's permission. The Board may allow a closing of the licensed premises for a reasonable period of time.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

May 17, 2007

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 118 - *State Board of Nursing - Licensing, Certification, and Reinstatement Requirements*.

This bill makes various changes to the Maryland Nurse Practice Act relating to the revocation, reinstatement, and renewal of licenses and certificates issued by the State Board of Nursing. Changes include requirements for criminal background checks and the scope of permissible activities of nursing students and unlicensed persons working under the supervision of nurses and other health care professionals.

House Bill 315, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 118.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

Senate Bill 118

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