

addressed nonetheless. To that end, I have directed the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Inspector General to conduct an audit of the last five years of the Board's complaint files, and to report back to me and to the General Assembly on his findings. This audit would have been mandated by the version of House Bill 988 the General Assembly intended to enact, and it will enable us to address next Session any problems that may be uncovered by the Inspector General.

For the above stated reason, I have vetoed House Bill 988.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley
Governor

House Bill 988

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Dental Examiners – ~~Restructuring~~ Program Evaluation and Licensee Protection

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain boards from taking or refusing to take certain action as reprisal against certain licensees or certificate holders under certain circumstances; establishing that certain protection only applies if a licensee or certificate holder has a certain reasonable, good faith belief; authorizing certain individuals to institute certain civil actions in certain counties within certain periods of time; authorizing certain courts to provide certain relief under certain circumstances; providing for a certain defense; ~~requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a certain list of names of individuals for nomination for membership on the State Board of Dental Examiners to the Governor;~~ requiring that a certain list of names be compiled by the Department ~~in consultation with~~ certain academies, associations, organizations, or societies; requiring that individuals on a certain list reflect certain diversity of the State; requiring that certain members appointed to the Board reflect certain diversity of this State; requiring that the Maryland State Dental Association and the Maryland Dental Society invite certain representatives to a certain meeting; ~~requiring that certain terms of membership on the Board be staggered as provided for on a certain date~~ increasing the number of weeks before a certain meeting that certain notice must be mailed; altering the number of years for certain terms; requiring the Governor to appoint a president of the Board from among certain Board members; ~~requiring the Secretary to appoint a certain executive director of the Board~~ altering the number of times the board is required to meet; requiring the executive director to report to the Secretary; repealing provisions authorizing the Board to initiate or file certain complaints; ~~establishing the terms of office of members of the Board appointed on a certain~~