

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That for the license renewal cycle following implementation of the regulations, the Board may credit towards satisfaction of the continuing education requirements established by the Board any course successfully completed by a licensee within the previous 24 months which satisfies the criteria established by the regulations.

SECTION ~~2.~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1991.

May 24, 1991

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 409.

This bill would prohibit a private review agent who has completed a utilization review of a patient from taking actions relative to the referral of the patient for health care services.

House Bill 342, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 409.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 409

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Utilization Review

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring private review agents to have policies and procedures to ensure that a representative of the private review agent is reasonably accessible to providers 24 hours a day 7 days a week in this State for a certain purpose; requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to deny an application for a certificate to conduct utilization review under certain circumstances; requiring a private review agent to disclose certain information to certain providers under certain circumstances; prohibiting a provider that obtains certain information from a private review agent from disclosing that information to certain other persons; prohibiting a private review agent or any individual who is either affiliated with, under contract with, or acting on behalf of a private review agent from referring certain patients to certain providers, practices, and health care facilities for a~~