

May 24, 1991

The Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr.
 Speaker of the House of Delegates
 State House
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 202.

This bill would mandate cancer reporting by all hospitals, diagnostic clinics and freestanding laboratories and would transfer responsibility for analyzing cancer reports from the Department of the Environment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Senate Bill 217, which was passed by the General Assembly and was signed by me on May 24, 1991, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 202.

Sincerely,
 William Donald Schaefer
 Governor

House Bill No. 202

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Cancer Registry

FOR the purpose of requiring that hospitals, freestanding laboratories, and other health care facilities which have care of a patient with cancer submit a cancer report to the Secretary on a form provided by the Department of ~~the Environment~~ Health and Mental Hygiene or in a computerized file; requiring that these facilities submit ~~an on-line computerized~~ a cancer report to the Secretary within a certain time ~~of a diagnosis of cancer~~ for certain patients initially diagnosed, treated, or admitted to a facility; authorizing the Secretary or an agent to inspect ~~any record~~ certain records at the facility; providing for the confidentiality of certain information; repealing certain provisions of law relating to the Department of the Environment providing certain information to certain cancer control agencies; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide certain information to certain cancer control agencies; providing that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall adopt certain regulations after consultation with certain entities; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a certain annual report; and generally relating to the Maryland Cancer Registry.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,