

(2) The State Fire Marshal or a full-time assistant of the office of the State Fire Marshal has the same powers of arrest set forth in subsection (e) OF THIS SECTION as to offenses listed under §§ 7A, 8, 9, 9A, 10, 10A, 11, 11D, 111B, 139A, 151C, and 156 of this article.

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

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 839.

This bill would require psychiatric or specified acute general care hospitals, as a condition of licensure, to adopt policies and procedures to implement laws governing the rights of individuals.

Senate Bill 500, 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 839.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 839

AN ACT concerning

Mental Health Facilities – Rights of Patients – Enforcement and Penalties

FOR the purpose of requiring certain hospitals ~~to demonstrate compliance with, as a condition of licensure, to adopt certain policies and procedures to implement certain laws governing the rights of certain patients~~ individuals to qualify for a license; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to use certain standards governing the rights of certain patients in the course of a certain investigation ~~altering certain provisions governing the conduct of certain investigations;~~ authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to inspect certain documents to ensure compliance with certain laws and to impose certain penalties if certain hospitals fail to demonstrate compliance with certain laws;