

~~(3) THE PREMIUM RATE FOR THE POLICY OR CONTRACT OF THE INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION MAY NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS EXCEPTION FROM THE REQUIRED COVERAGE.~~

**Article - Health - General**

19-706.

(i) The provisions of §§ 15-105, 15-112, 15-113, 15-804, [and], 15-812 AND 15-826 of the Insurance Article shall apply to health maintenance organizations.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall apply to all policies and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 343.

This bill authorizes a victim's representative to be present at trial, or any other court proceeding, by expanding the meaning of "victim", "defendant", "representative", and "trial". The bill also expands the number of crimes that are covered under these provisions by including juvenile acts and eliminating the need for the crime to have been a crime of violence.

House Bill 500, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 12, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 343.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor

**Senate Bill No. 343**

AN ACT concerning

**Victims' Rights - Presence of Victims**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing a victim's representative to be present at trial, or any other court proceeding under certain circumstances~~ altering the circumstances