

as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, [1998] 2000, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 248.

This bill requires the Health Care Access and Cost Commission (HCACC) to review all current and proposed mandated health insurance services in the State in order to assess the social, medical and financial impact on consumers, health care providers and third party payors. The bill also repeals the authority of the Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits.

Senate Bill 136, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 248.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 248

AN ACT concerning

Mandated Health Insurance Services — ~~Process of Evaluation~~

~~FOR the purpose of establishing a Joint Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Services; requiring the Committee to review and evaluate the benefits under certain plans; requiring the Committee to make certain determinations and assessments; requiring the Committee to review certain proposals under certain circumstances; requiring certain reports under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; repealing the establishment and authority of the Interdepartmental Committee on Mandated Health Insurance Benefits;~~