

My name is Steve Bress. I have been a Maryland resident for much more than 50 years. I urge you to vote no on this bill. It is not in the best interests of Maryland residents.

HB1084 is a large bill covering a lot of different topics. Some seem reasonable, some do not.

The section that actually looks into effective treatments could be a good idea, AS LONG AS, all treatments are on the table without political interference. There were many great studies of treatments early on that were completely ignored, such as the hyperbaric vs ventilator. Insurance companies hate it, most people never saw it.

I personally don't approve of any laws that have a goal to use *coercive* measures to encourage medical decisions that may or may not be in the best interest of the individual. That decision is between the patient and the doctor. The state of Maryland is not a doctor to an individual. (Switching the word to *educating* does not change the meaning.)

Blanket deferral to the CDC for "ANY FUTURE VACCINE" is a terrible idea. At last count, there were more than 400 in development. Not all of them are going to be winners, and cross reactions won't be known for quite a while as the CDC specifically doesn't test for them.

Support for MARYLAND MYIR MOBILE should be dropped, as it is only a vaccination record and has nothing to do with immunity status.

Pharmacies and Pharmacy technicians should not be allowed to order and administer ANYTHING. Without direct knowledge of the patient and their medical history, they lack sufficient information to determine whether any given vaccine is safe for the patient.

On that topic, since pharmacists cannot track and do not care about allergies, they certainly cannot be trusted to inquire, understand, and act on allergy information provided by a potential patient. Which assumes that the patient, who may be a minor under this bill, is capable of understanding that it is their responsibility to inform the pharmacist about allergies and other potentially embarrassing personal information. The patient's doctor, of course, should already know and take proper precautions. If any can be taken.

With modifications such as these, Bill HB1084 could be made palatable, but the negatives outweigh the positives and it should be opposed.

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