

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Michael E. Busch
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 270 - *Private Review Agents - Treatment Plan Form - Form Mandated by Another State*.

This bill requires a private review agent that requires a health care provider to submit a treatment plan in order for the private review agent to conduct utilization review of proposed or delivered services for the treatment of a mental illness, emotional disorder, or a substance abuse disorder to accept a treatment plan form mandated by the state in which the service was provided.

Senate Bill 158, which was passed by the General Assembly and allowed to go into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 270.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor