

May 26, 2006

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 283 - *Maryland Health Insurance Plan - Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program*.

This bill prohibits the subsidy required under the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program from exceeding a specified amount in specified fiscal years; and clarifies the purpose of the Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program. Senate Bill 283 also alters the payments to be made for specified enrollees by the Program; and requires the Board of Directors of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan to make specified determinations about the Program annually.

House Bill 702, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 283.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor