

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 769 – *Health Occupations - State Board of Nursing - Criminal History Records Checks*.

This bill requires specified applicants for licensure or certification by the State Board of Nursing to submit to a criminal history records check as a condition of licensure or certification. It requires the applicants to submit fingerprints and specified fees to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; and further requires the Board to begin a specified process of requiring criminal history records checks as a condition of license or certificate renewal.

House Bill 1318, 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 769.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor