

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 78 - *Hospitals - Comparable Evaluation System - Health Care-Associated Infection Information*.

This bill requires a comparable evaluation system established by the Maryland Health Care Commission to include health care-associated infection information from hospitals and requires the system to adhere, to the extent possible, to recommendations regarding public reporting of health care-associated infections.

Senate Bill 135, 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 78.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor