

That law, although requiring their appointment by the method of referring generally to such bodies in that Department, provides sufficient specificity as to a prohibited financial interest on the part of a consumer member. Further, it authorizes a rational process of appointment of consumer members to vacancies which arise in existing board memberships, thus eliminating the potential for an open-ended appointment process.

The General Assembly, by separate enactment, has created numerous boards and commissions within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. These bodies perform the critical function of regulating, or licensing, or disciplining groups of persons. The membership of each of these bodies was fashioned specifically in each enactment with a view toward those persons being regulated and their interaction with the general public. Consumer representation on many of these boards and commissions may be appropriate and desirable. A thorough review of the composition, duties, and terms of these bodies is equally desirable in order to address the issue of consumer representation in a careful and logical fashion.

However, I do not believe that House Bill 1477 provides a logical method for the most effective appointment of public representatives. Such a method can and should be developed, and I am willing to work with the sponsors of House Bill 1477 to develop that process.

For these reasons, I have vetoed House Bill 1477.

Sincerely,
Blair Lee III
Acting Governor

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FOR the purpose of providing that in Prince George's County,
written notice of any claim for unliquidated damages
shall be presented to the County Executive.

May 29, 1978

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates