

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 653.

This bill would require nursing homes and hospitals to provide itemized bills within a certain time frame after discharge.

House Bill 1399, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 26, 1994, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 653.

Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Senate Bill No. 653

AN ACT concerning

Hospitals and Related Institutions - Summary Financial Statements and Itemized Bills

FOR the purpose of altering the application of certain provisions of law; ~~extending the time after discharge that certain hospitals and related institutions are required to provide a certain itemized bill~~ requiring hospitals to provide certain information within a certain period of time after discharge; requiring disclosure on a certain bill the time frame within which an individual may request an itemized bill; requiring the hospital or related institution to notify the individual to whom a claim is forwarded; providing for a certain exemption; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to requiring hospitals and related institutions to provide itemized bills within a certain time frame.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 19-350

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1993 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-350.

(a) (1) This section applies only to: