(2) IN BALTIMORE CITY, A LICENSED PREMISES SHALL CEASE ALL OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR FOOD AND PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, AT THE CLOSING HOUR FOR THAT CLASS OF LICENSED PREMISES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

(3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY GRANT AN EXEMPTION FOR REMAINING OPEN AFTER HOURS TO:

(I) A HOLDER OF A CLASS B RESTAURANT LICENSE, ONLY FOR SERVING FOOD TO *PATRONS* SEATED ~~PATRONS~~ *FOR DINING*; OR

(II) A PHARMACY THAT FILLS PRESCRIPTIONS.

(4) A PHARMACY THAT RECEIVES AN EXEMPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY ALSO SELL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL AFTER NORMAL CLOSING HOURS.

(5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUR RESTRICTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOTEL THAT HOLDS A CLASS B LICENSE AND THAT SERVES FOOD TO SEATED CUSTOMERS OR TO PRIVATE FUNCTIONS OR GUEST ROOMS MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 18, 2000

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 798 – Private Review Agents – Market Conduct Examinations.

This bill requires the Insurance Commissioner to conduct a market conduct examination of an HMO in the same manner as the Commissioner currently conducts examinations of health insurers. The Insurance Commissioner must examine each HMO every five years.

House Bill 1222, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 11, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 798.

Sincerely,