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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "HOUSING AGENCY" MEANS AN AGENCY ESTABLISHED TO ADMINISTER A HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER ARTICLE 44A OR ARTICLE 83B OF THE CODE.

(3) "HOUSING ASSISTANCE" MEANS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE 83B, § 1-101(E) OF THE CODE, OFFERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING HOUSING BASED ON NEED UNDER A PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY A HOUSING AGENCY AND FINANCED WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY BY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL FUNDS.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT KNOWINGLY MAKE A ~~MISSTATEMENT~~ FALSE STATEMENT OF A MATERIAL FACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING A HOUSING AGENCY REGARDING:

(1) AN APPLICATION FOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE; OR

(2) AN ACTION AFFECTING HOUSING ASSISTANCE ALREADY PROVIDED.

(C) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 3 YEARS OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

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 676 - Physicians and Pharmacists - Therapy Management Contracts.

This bill permits a physician and a pharmacist to enter into a therapy management contract that specifies treatment protocols that may be used to provide care to a patient.

House Bill 781, 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 676.

Sincerely,