

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

WHEREAS, The enactment of Bill 16-73 followed several years of careful study, planning and discussion of comprehensive health planning by the Council, local, State and regional health officials, professional organizations, and other interested individuals and groups concerned with providing and utilizing health services within the County; and

WHEREAS, Although the purpose and intent as well as the other provisions stated in Bill 16-73 are meant to, and should, speak for themselves, the Council finds it desirable to address further in a separate statement of legislative intent certain aspects of Bill 16-73 for the benefit and guidance of all individuals, organizations and groups concerned with comprehensive health planning in the County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council for Montgomery County, that -

The following is hereby adopted by the Council as a statement of legislative intent in connection with the enactment of Bill 16-73.

1. Appointment of members to the Comprehensive Health Planning Advisory Board.

a. The Council has considered carefully the request of certain individuals, organizations and groups to have named representatives designated for membership on the Advisory Board. The Council fully recognizes that in order to comply with federal and State comprehensive health planning requirements the majority membership on the Board must consist of consumers of health services. The Council is aware also that providers of health services, minority groups and other representative elements of the community likewise must be represented on the Board. Section 24-23 of the subject bill contains specific provisions to this effect. The Council also has provided in the bill that in making appointments to the Board, the County Executive shall consider nominations submitted by representatives of the medical, hospital administration and nursing home administration professions. The Council believes that, as a minimum, representation from these categories of health providers must be included on the Advisory Board if the Board is to discharge adequately its responsibilities to the community.

It is the opinion of the Council that it would be undesirable to have the appointing prerogatives of the County Executive restricted unnecessarily by the designation in the bill of named representatives to serve on the Advisory Board. Consequently, the Council has