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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.

May 29, 1984

The Honorable Melvin A. Steinberg President of the Senate State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 322.

This bill provides that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene pay certain emergency medical treatment charges for children who are alleged victims of abuse or neglect.

House Bill 547, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 29, 1984, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 322.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

Senate Bill No. 322

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect - Medical Care - Costs

FOR the purpose of providing that the lecal--health--department Department of Health and Mental Hygiene pay certain emergency medical treatment charges for children who are alleged victims of abuse or neglect in a certain manner; requiring that the parent or guardian of a child given certain emergency medical treatment secure certain medical benefit payments; defining terms; clarifying language; providing that the Governor shall provide certain funds in the annual State budget; and generally relating to the emergency medical treatment charges for certain children.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Family Law Section 5-709 and 5-910