The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis, Maryland 21404

May 29, 1984

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 412.

This bill provides that a court may prohibit visitation or custody if the court has reasonable grounds to believe that child abuse or neglect has occured.

Senate Bill 320, 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 House Bill 412.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

House Bill No. 412

AN ACT concerning

Child Abuse and Neglect - Visitation and Custody

FOR the purpose of providing that a court may prohibit visitation or custody if the court has reasonable grounds to believe that child abuse or neglect has occurred under certain circumstances; and generally relating to visitation and custody.

BY renumbering

Article - Family Law
Section 9-101 and 9-102, respectively
to be Section 9-102 and 9-103, respectively
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ (H.B. 1) of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1984)

BY adding to

Article - Family Law
Section 9-101
Annotated Code of Maryland
(As enacted by Chapter \_\_\_\_ (H.B. 1) of the
Acts of the General Assembly of 1984)