May 29, 1984

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1553.

This bill deletes the term "extended care facility" from the definition of a "related institution." It also restricts the rate setting powers of the Health Services Cost Review Commission for comprehensive care facilities to those it currently regulates.

Senate Bill 842, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 15, 1984, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1553.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

House Bill No. 1553

AN ACT concerning

Cost Review Commission - Nursing Homes

FOR the purpose of altering the definition of a "related institution" as it applies to the Health Services Cost Review Commission by restricting the term to refer to a certain comprehensive care facility that is presently regulated by the Commission; and excluding an extended care facility from the definition of a "related institution".

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-201(c) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-201(d) Annotated Code of Maryland