May 27, 1986

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 54.

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a demographic study concerning Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in this State.

Senate Bill 133, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 27, 1986, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 54.

Sincerely, Harry Hughes Governor

House Bill No. 54

AN ACT concerning

Alzheimer's Disease - Demographic Study

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to conduct a demographic study concerning Alzheimer's disease and related disorders in this State; providing-for-the-basis-for-the-study-under-this-Act; requiring the Department to report the results of the study; and generally relating to a demographic study of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

## Preamble

WHEREAS, The Governor's Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders studied the problems associated with these debilitating disorders and issued its final report on June 30, 1985; and

WHEREAS, This study provides a fresh and timely review of the effects of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders, along with suggesting legislative and administrative proposals that may alleviate some of the drastic effects of these debilitating disorders; and