SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1 October 1, 1995.

May 24, 1995

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Speaker of the House of Delegates State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 977.

This amended bill provides that if an individual is rehired or reinstated by an employer after being disqualified for aggravated misconduct, the loss of wage credit does not apply.

Senate Bill 702, which was passed by the General Assembly and will be signed by me on May 25, 1995, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 977.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

House Bill No. 977

AN ACT concerning

Unemployment Insurance - Aggravated Misconduct

FOR the purpose of repealing a provision that prohibits wages paid to an individual by a base period employer from being included in the wages of the individual for purposes of determining the individual's weekly unemployment insurance benefit amount if the individual has committed certain aggravated misconduct in connection with the employment; and repealing a provision that disqualifies an individual from receiving benefits for a certain period if unemployment results from discharge or suspension as a disciplinary measure for aggravated misconduct in connection with employment providing that the loss of certain wage credits resulting from a discharge for aggravated misconduct does not apply under certain circumstances; and generally relating to disqualification from unemployment benefits for aggravated misconduct repealing a provision that prohibits wages paid to an individual by a base period employer from being included in the wages of the individual for purposes of determining the individual's weekly unemployment insurance benefit amount if the individual has committed certain aggravated misconduct in connection with the employment; prohibiting the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development from charging against the earned rating record of an employing unit for certain benefits paid to a claimant if the claimant was charged with aggravated misconduct; altering the definition of aggravated misconduct; increasing the