accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 628.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

## Senate Bill No. 628

AN ACT concerning

## Foreign Corporations - National Banks - Exceptions to Registration and Qualification Requirements

FOR the purpose of providing an exception for national banks that do not maintain a branch in this State to the registration and qualification requirements for foreign corporations doing business in this State.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Corporations and Associations

Section 7-201

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article - Corporations and Associations

7-201.

This subtitle does not apply to:

- (1) An insurance company subject to the provisions of [Article 48A of the Code] THE INSURANCE ARTICLE;
  - (2) A railroad operating in this State;
  - (3) A national bank [with] THAT:
    - (I) HAS its main office located in this State; OR
    - (II) DOES NOT MAINTAIN A BRANCH IN THIS STATE; or
  - (4) A federal credit union.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.