liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1997.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr. President of the Senate State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 717.

This bill increases, from 8 to 12, the membership of the State Board of Pharmacy. In addition, the bill alters provisions relating to the nomination and appointment of members to the board. A board member shall be recused from all aspects of the licensing exam if the member is on the board of trustees at a school of pharmacy, the member is a teacher at a school of pharmacy; and the member's primary source of income is through employment by a school of pharmacy.

House Bill 1229, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 717.

Sincerely, Parris N. Glendening Governor

Senate Bill No. 717

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Pharmacy - Composition

FOR the purpose of altering the composition and increasing the membership of the State Board of Pharmacy; altering the procedure for filling vacancies on the Board; requiring the Board to provide a certain notice and other information to all licensed pharmacists and certain other interested parties concerning vacancies on the Board; requiring certain Board members to be recused from all aspects of the licensing exam; altering certain practice qualifications for membership on the Board; providing a rule of construction for this Act; authorizing the Governor to make a certain determination in making certain initial appointments to the Board as authorized by this Act; and generally relating to the State Board of Pharmacy.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations