- (3) LIFE INSURANCE OR AN ANNUITY USED TO FUND A PRE–NEED CONTRACT AS DEFINED IN \S 7–101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE OR A PRENEED BURIAL CONTRACT AS DEFINED IN \S 5–701 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.
- (b) An insurer may not directly or indirectly, or by an agent or representative of the insurer, participate in a plan to offer or effect a kind or kinds of life insurance, health insurance, or annuities in the State as an inducement to, or in combination with, the purchase by the public of goods, securities, commodities, services, or subscriptions to periodicals.

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- (a) All burial insurance benefits shall be paid in cash to the beneficiary.
- (b) A person engaged in the business of burial insurance may not pay or contract to pay wholly or partly burial insurance or its benefits to:
 - (1) an official mortician, funeral director, or undertaker;
- (2) a designated mortician, funeral director, undertaker, or funeral directing or undertaking concern; or
 - (3) a particular tradesperson or businessperson.
- (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO LIFE INSURANCE OR AN ANNUITY USED TO FUND A PRE-NEED CONTRACT AS DEFINED IN \S 7–101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE OR A PRENEED BURIAL CONTRACT AS DEFINED IN \S 5–701 OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1999.

May 27, 1999

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr. Speaker of the House 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 429.

This bill enters Maryland into the Nurse Multistate Licensure Compact, which grants multistate licensing privileges to licensed registered, practical, and vocational nurses.

Senate Bill 590, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 429.

Sincerely,