

2. assure the availability of competent services to the public; and

(ii) the number of exemptions granted under this subsection has not tended to erode the purposes of subsection (b) of this section or other provisions of this title.

(2) (i) The Ethics Commission may grant an exemption under paragraph (1) of this subsection only:

- 1. in extraordinary situations; and
- 2. upon the recommendation of the Governor, at the request of the executive unit involved.

(ii) The Ethics Commission shall apply this subsection as consistently as possible under similar facts and circumstances.

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(D-1) AN OFFICIAL OR EMPLOYEE MAY NOT ACCEPT A GIFT THAT IS PROHIBITED UNDER § 13-211 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 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 1153.

This bill repeals the September 30, 1999 termination date for current law providing that a home health agency accredited by an organization approved by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) is deemed to meet State licensure standards.

Senate Bill 773, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 13, 1999, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1153.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor.

House Bill 1153

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