

May 18, 2000

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 259 – Morticians – State Board of Morticians – Membership.

This bill prohibits the State Board of Morticians from having more than one member who is employed by or affiliated with, directly or indirectly, the same corporation, professional association or other entity that owns one or more funeral homes. The bill allows the Governor to remove an appointed member who causes the board to be in violation of this provision.

Senate Bill 251, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 25, 2000, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 259.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 259

AN ACT concerning

Morticians – State Board of Morticians – Membership

FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Board of Morticians from ~~consisting of two or more members who are~~ having more than one member who is employed by or affiliated with the same corporation, professional association, or other entity, that owns, directly or through a subsidiary, one or more funeral homes; and generally relating to the membership of the State Board of Morticians.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 7-202

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

Article – Health Occupations

7-202.

- (a) (1) The Board consists of 12 members.