In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 241 – Health Occupations – Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists – Reciprocity.

This bill requires the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to grant a license to an applicant for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy under specified circumstances.

House Bill 259, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 241.

Sincerely, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

### Senate Bill No. 241

## AN ACT concerning

# Health Occupations - Licensed Clinical Marriage and Family Therapists - Reciprocity

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to grant a certain license to an applicant for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to a reciprocal license for licensed clinical marriage and family therapists.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-3A-02(e)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations

Section 17-3A-02.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

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

## **Article - Health Occupations**

### 17-3A-02.

(e) [For] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 17-3A-02.2 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy, the applicant shall have: