SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July $1,\,2003$.

May 22, 2003

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 310 – State Board of Social Work Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation.

This bill continues the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending the termination of provisions relating to authority of the Board to July 1, 2014. Furthermore, this legislation requires the Board and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a report to specified legislative committees on or before October 1, 2003.

Senate Bill 268, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 310.

Sincerely, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

House Bill No. 310

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Social Work Examiners - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation

FOR the purpose of continuing the State Board of Social Work Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to a certain date the termination of provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; providing for the filling of certain vacancies on the Board under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board to elect certain officers; requiring that an evaluation of the Board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the Board be performed on or before a certain date; requiring the Board and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the State Board of Social Work Examiners.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health Occupations Section 19-202(a), 19-203, and 19-502