- (2) <u>COMPENSATION PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT</u> EXCEED AN EMPLOYEE'S STATE BASE SALARY OR DIRECT WAGES.
- (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE USE OF MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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 824 – Assisted Living Facilities – Certification – Third Party Accreditation Programs.

This bill will authorize the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to accept all or part of a specified accrediting report as meeting the State licensing requirements for the renewal of a license to operate an assisted living facility program.

Senate Bill 553, 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 824.

Sincerely, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

House Bill No. 824

AN ACT concerning

Assisted Living Facilities - Certification - Third Party Accreditation Programs and Managers

FOR the purpose of requiring authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish and enforce certain standards to certify third party assisted living accreditation programs; requiring certain standards to authorize the acceptance of a certain survey as sufficient for compliance with certain licensure