May 16, 2013

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H–101 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 231 – Alcoholic Beverages – Class 7 Limited Beer Wholesaler's License.

This bill creates a Class 7 limited beer wholesaler's license that allows the license holder to sell, deliver, and distribute its own beer produced at the holder's premises to a retail license holder or permit holder in the State under specified circumstances. This bill authorizes the Office of the Comptroller to issue a nonresident brewery permit to a specified person licensed outside the State to sell and deliver beer in the State and provides for specified fees.

Senate Bill 223, 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 231.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley