

May 12, 2015

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 273 – *Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Events, Licensing, Alcohol Awareness Requirements, and Fines*.

This bill restricts the number of bottles of wine that may remain open at any one time at a wine sampling or tasting event in Frederick County to all bottles in a wine preservation system that the Board of License Commissioners approves and not more than six other bottles; alters the qualifications for signatories of a certificate accompanying a license application; provides for an alternative method for selecting signatories under specified circumstances; and authorizes the Board to reduce a suspension under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill 500, 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 273.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.