

May 26, 2006

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 480 - *Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B (Inn) License and Class BFD (Fine Dining) License*.

This bill authorizes specified holders of a Class B (inn) license in Harford County to sell beer and wine for consumption off the premises under specified conditions; authorizes the Liquor Control Board of Harford County to issue a special Class BFD (fine dining) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license; specifies that the license authorizes the licensee to serve only full-course dinners at least 5 days a week; and requires that a restaurant with a Class BFD license open for business not later than 5 p.m.

Senate Bill 443, 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 480.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor