

May 26, 2006

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 899 – *Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Bottle Clubs*.

This bill prohibits a bottle club in Dorchester County from selling, giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing to be consumed alcoholic beverages and specified other beverages; prohibits an unlicensed business from knowingly allowing customers to bring alcoholic beverages for consumption into an unlicensed building; establishes a maximum fine of \$10,000 for a violation of the Act; and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to grant a waiver of the provisions of the Act.

House Bill 689, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 899.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.  
Governor