May 22, 2008

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 241 – Anne Arundel County – Health Department – License Fees for Food Establishments.

This bill requires the Anne Arundel County Council to provide for a license fee schedule based on anticipated costs of licensing, inspecting, and regulating food establishments. This bill adds Anne Arundel County to the list of counties that are exempt from limitations on the amount a county may charge for specified fees for obtaining a license to operate a food establishment.

Senate Bill 121, 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 241.

Sincerely,

Governor