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 437 – Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Repeal of Class BDR Licenses – Additional Class B Licenses.

This bill repeals in Harford County the Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer, wine and liquor license and all of the privileges, location restrictions, requirements, and other provisions associated with the Class BDR license. The bill also specifies when an independent ownership interest is presumed to exist for a specified purpose and increases to 9, the maximum number of Class B licenses that may be issued to an individual for the use of specified persons.

Senate Bill 62, 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 437.

Sincerely,

Governor