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 545 – *Dorchester County* – *Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2008*.

Among other things, this bill repeals the off-sale privilege of a Class B beer and light wine license in Dorchester County on or after July 1, 2008; and authorizes a holder of a Class B (on-sale and off-sale) beer and light wine license that is issued on or before June 30, 2008, to continue to exercise the privileges of the license and to renew the license.

Senate Bill 154, 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 545.

Sincerely,

Governor