May 19, 2009

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 1454 – *Baltimore City* – *Alcoholic Beverages* – *Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License.* 

House Bill 1454 establishes a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting license in specified parts of the 41st Legislative District, the 43rd Legislative District, and the 44th Legislative District of Baltimore City. The bill also establishes fees for Class BWLT license and authorizes a Class BWLT license holder to allow the consumption of specified alcoholic beverages for tasting or sampling.

Senate Bill 983, 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 Bill1454.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor