May 19, 2009

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, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 884 – Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Festival License.

Among other things, Senate Bill 884 establishes a special wine festival (WF) license in Frederick County; requires that an applicant for a special WF license must be a holder of another license; specifies that a holder of a special WF license may display and sell wine in a specified manner; provides for a \$20 license fee; and authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to choose 2 weekends annually for wine festivals.

House Bill 721, 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 884.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor