May 19, 2011

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House H–101 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 413 – Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Festival License.

This bill establishes a special wine festival (WF) license in Washington County and requires that an applicant for a special WF license must be a holder of another license. This bill specifies that a holder of a special WF license may display and sell wine in a specified manner and provide for a \$20 license fee. This bill also authorizes the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to choose 2 weekends annually for wine festivals and requires the Board to choose specified locations for the wine festivals.

Senate Bill 391, 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 413.

Sincerely,

Governor