

May 19, 2011

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
President of the Senate
H-107 State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 296 – *Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Micro-Breweries*.

This bill adds Washington County to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery license may be issued and authorizes the Comptroller to issue the license in the county to holders of specified retail alcoholic beverages licenses. This bill also adds the county to the list of counties in which a Class 7 micro-brewery licensee may sell, at retail, beer for consumption off the premises under specified circumstances and provides for the hours and days for consumer sales under the license.

House Bill 404, 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 296.

Sincerely,

Governor