

May 27, 2016

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

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed Senate Bill 561 – *Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses*.

This bill establishes in Baltimore City a Class D beer license to be issued to a holder of a Class 5 brewery license and specifies that the Class D beer license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer brewed on the premises for on-premises consumption. The bill also reduces the minimum amount of average daily food sale receipts from 65% to 51% for a restaurant for which a Class B beer, wine and liquor license is issued, and authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to transfer a specified Class B-D-7 license to a specified location.

House Bill 1210, which was passed by the General Assembly and went into effect without my signature, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 561.

Sincerely,

Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.