

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed House Bill 436 – *Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Issuance of Licenses Near Places of Worship*.

This bill authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to transfer, convert, and issue a certain license for an establishment that is at least a certain number of feet away from a place of worship under certain circumstances, subject to restrictions and qualifications. As such, this bill creates an exception to the prohibition against issuing an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore County to an establishment within 300 feet of a place of worship.

Senate Bill 559, 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 436.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor