

May 26, 2017

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, I have vetoed Senate Bill 837 – *Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Penalties*.

This bill alters the penalties in Washington County for violation of the prohibition against selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years by imposing a \$2,500 maximum fine on a license holder, and authorizes the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to suspend or revoke the license. This bill also imposes a maximum fine of \$200 for a first offense, and \$500 for each subsequent offense, for any employee of a license holder. In addition, this bill makes such violation a misdemeanor, and removes the mandatory court appearance for a first offense.

House Bill 1480, 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 837.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Governor