

May 16, 2013

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 459 – *Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer and Wine Tasting License*.

This bill establishes in Somerset County a beer and wine tasting (BWT) alcoholic beverages license for a holder of a beer, wine and liquor license or a beer and wine license. The bill specifies that a BWT license authorizes a holder to serve specified alcoholic beverages for tasting purposes only and for no consideration and requires the County Board of License Commissioners to regulate the quantity and number of bottles of specified alcoholic beverages to be served. The bill also specifies license and issuance fees.

Senate Bill 351, 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 459.

Sincerely,

Governor Martin O'Malley