Sincerely,
William Donald Schaefer
Governor

House Bill No. 731

AN ACT concerning

***Baltimore County* – Beverage Containers – County Taxes and Mandatory Deposits**

FOR the purpose of prohibiting ~~a county or Baltimore City~~ *Baltimore County* from imposing a tax or mandatory deposit on beverage containers ~~other than a tax or deposit that was in effect on a certain date~~; ~~prohibiting a county or Baltimore City from increasing the amount of a tax or mandatory deposit on beverage containers above the amount of the tax or deposit on a certain date;~~ providing that this Act does not invalidate certain taxes imposed for certain periods; and generally relating to county taxes and mandatory deposits on beverage containers *in Baltimore County*.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Environment
Section 9–1703(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)
(As enacted by Chapter 536 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1988)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Environment

9–1703.

(d) (1) In preparing a recycling plan, a county may not calculate a tax or mandatory deposit on any beverage container that is enacted by a county or municipality to achieve the recycling goals required under § 9–505 of this title.

(2) ~~A~~ *BALTIMORE* COUNTY MAY NOT~~:~~

~~(I)~~ IMPOSE ANY TAX OR MANDATORY DEPOSIT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS ~~EXCEPT A TAX OR DEPOSIT THAT WAS IN EFFECT ON JULY 1, 1988; OR~~.

~~(II) INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF ANY TAX OR MANDATORY DEPOSIT ON BEVERAGE CONTAINERS ABOVE THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX OR DEPOSIT ON JULY 1, 1988.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act does not invalidate, for any period before July 1, ~~1990~~ 1991, any tax or mandatory deposit on beverage containers imposed by ~~a county or Baltimore City~~ *Baltimore County*.