session laws for 1954 as Chapter 7 of 1954, together with appropriate references concerning the three vetoed items, as directed in a ruling made by the Attorney General of Maryland on February 17, 1954.

## CHAPTER 8

## (House Bill 24)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 1 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "General Purposes", stating general State policy with respect to the power of the political sub-divisions of this State to impose taxes on alcoholic beverages; to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 126 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition). title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Taxation", increasing the rate of tax to be levied and collected on distilled spirits in this State, as defined in said section; to enact a new section to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", said new section to be known as Section 126A, and to follow immediately after Section 126 of said Article, relating to the distribution of the tax on distilled spirits. as defined in said section, to Baltimore City and to the several counties of this State; and to enact a new section to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages," said new section to be known as Section 126B and to follow immediately after 126A of said Article, providing that no political sub-division shall have the power to tax alcoholic beverages in this State with the exception of such powers as are contained in Section 128(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition) on July 1, 1955.

Whereas, Three political subdivisions of this State now have the power to impose or share in the proceeds from excise taxes upon certain alcoholic beverages as defined by Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition); and

Explanation: Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken out of bill.