

provisions provided in the same have already been taken care of in House Bill No. 332.

Sincerely yours,

(s) J. MILLARD TAWES,

JMT/LS/db

**House Bill No. 265—Sale of Alcoholic Beverages**

AN ACT to add a new Section 109 (c-1) to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Restrictions Upon Licensees", to follow immediately after Section 109(c) thereof, stating the legislative intent of the General Assembly in the enactment of this Act; providing for the filing, publication and maintenance of minimum prices in sale of alcoholic beverages to consumers; providing for additional fees for the administration and enforcement of this Act; providing a penalty for failing to comply with the provisions of this Act; making special provisions applicable to alcoholic beverages in and from Montgomery County; and generally amending the laws concerning the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in this State; AND EXEMPTING CERTAIN COUNTIES FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

May 5, 1959.

Honorable Perry O. Wilkinson  
Speaker of the House of Delegates  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

After full consideration of the arguments for and against House Bill 265, as advanced at the hearing thereon, and after a careful study of the opinion of the Attorney General regarding its constitutionality, I have decided to veto the bill. My decision is based partly upon the serious doubt of the constitutionality of the bill, but primarily upon my firm conviction that it would not serve the general public good.

In accordance with Article 2, Section 17 of the Constitution of Maryland, I am herewith returning this bill to the House of Delegates, the House in which it originated and am setting forth my objection to the bill therein.

The Attorney General, by opinion dated April 30, 1959 advised me that his office has strong misgivings over the constitutionality of this bill and is unable to approve the bill as to form and legal sufficiency. I am attaching a copy of the Attorney General's letter and am making it a part of this veto message.

These grave questions as to the constitutionality of the bill as expressed in the Attorney General's letter, would in themselves weigh heavily in favor of my vetoing it, but over and above that, I am convinced that it is not desirable legislation. Although I thoroughly believe that the alcoholic beverage laws of this State should be such as to foster a proper spirit of temperance, I do not believe that this bill would forward that objective. It is not a bill which is directed