

House Bill No. 921—Alcoholic Beverages

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20 (a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," to limit sales of beer, wine and liquor under club licenses to the members of such clubs and their guests.

May 4, 1967.

Honorable Marvin Mandel
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Section 17 of Article II of the Maryland Constitution, I have vetoed today House Bill 921 and am returning it to you.

This bill would limit the sales of certain alcoholic beverages in this State, with certain counties excepted. I am informed by the Attorney General that the bill is lacking in form and legal sufficiency. For the reasons given in the attached copy of his opinion, which is to be considered a part of this message, I am compelled to veto the measure.

Sincerely yours,

(s) SPIRO T. AGNEW,

Governor.

Letter from State Law Department on H. B. 921

April 19, 1967.

The Honorable Spiro T. Agnew
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Governor Agnew:

At your request, I have examined House Bill 921, in order to determine whether the Bill meets minimum constitutional requirements as to form and legal sufficiency.

The title of this Bill indicates that it repeals and re-enacts, with amendments, Section 20(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland, to limit sales of beer, wine and liquor under club licenses to the members of such clubs and their guests. Section 20(a) of the Bill provides that the subsection as amended shall not apply to Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Howard, Montgomery and St. Mary's counties.

It is clear that when this latest amendment was made to this Bill, limiting its applicability to certain counties of the State, amendment to the title was omitted. In my opinion, the failure of the title to indicate that the Bill is not applicable in the enumerated counties, makes said title misleading, and by virtue thereof, the said Bill and title thereof fail to meet minimum constitutional standards. For