

Substantially the same bill as HB 908 has been introduced at least three times in the General Assembly. It was passed in 1961 but was voted by Governor Tawes. Dr. Joseph T. Singewald, my predecessor as State Geologist, recommended a veto at that time for substantially the same reasons as I have enumerated above.

Because I feel very strongly that the passage of this Bill into law would lead to a chaotic series of local bills detrimental to the best interests of the State, I respectfully recommend your veto of House Bill 908.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ KENNETH N. WEAVER,

Director.

**House Bill No. 916—Prince George's County—Alcoholic Beverages
Laws**

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 83 (b), (c), and (d), and Sections 84(b), (c), and (d) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days of Sale," to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Section 19(i) (3) and (4) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses," and to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Sections 103(a), 103(d) and 103(e) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Hours and Days of Sale," and to repeal Section 103(b), of said Article, title, and subtitle, relating generally to the revision of the hours and days of sale of certain alcoholic beverage licenses in Prince George's County.

May 28, 1969.

Honorable Thomas Hunter Lowe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 916 and am returning it to you.

At a hearing on this Bill, I was informed by the members of the Prince George's County Delegation who introduced the Bill that its purpose was to authorize the sale of liquor in Prince George's County between midnight and 2:00 A.M. the following morning, including between midnight on Saturday and 2:00 A.M. Sunday morning. However, several opponents of the Bill construed it as also authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages from a bar or restaurant during the day on Sunday for off premises consumption. The sponsors of the Bill agreed at the hearing that if the Bill did what its opponents feared, it should be vetoed.