

where all alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the county liquor dispensary. I can see no valid reason for drawing such a distinction. There is no substantial evidence that conditions in that one county, from the point of view of the stated legislative objectives, are significantly different from the rest of the State.

For the foregoing reasons, I have decided to veto House Bill 678.

Sincerely,

MARVIN MANDEL,
Governor.

Read and journalized.

House Bill No. 678—By Delegates Boozer, Rush, Schirano, Dabrowski, Bonvegna, Heffner, Merryweather, Murphy, Athey, Randolph, Silk, Nimmerrichter, D'Anna, Rutkowski, Burkhead, Walters, Sachs, Mitchell and Peters:

An Act to add new Section 109(c-2) to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Restrictions upon Licensees," to follow immediately after Section 109(c-1) thereof, stating the legislative intent of the General Assembly in the enactment of this Act; providing for the prohibition of sales by retail dealers below cost; 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; and generally amending the laws concerning the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in this State; and providing for certain exceptions.

Shall the bill pass notwithstanding the objections of the Executive?

The Speaker announced the veto was sustained by roll call.

Affirmative

Delegates—

Nimmerrichter, Arata, Dantoni, Boozer, Rush, D'Anna, Dorman, Donovan, Hickman, R. O., Burns, Boswell, Brailey, Matthews. Total—13

Negative

Delegates—

Mr. Speaker, Briscoe, Mitchell, Sachs, Thomason, Burkhead, Fallon, Helms, Allen, A. T., Hagner, Weidemeyer, Rymer, Compton, Malone, Alperstein, Needle, Rynd, Hopkins, Price, Stroble, Latshaw, Linton, Hutchinson, Jones, Peters, Schirano, Einschutz, Heffner, Arnick, Minnick, Dize, Merryweather, Startt, Mackie, Menes, Ross, Foley, Hull, King, Lombardi, Redding, Blumenthal, Knoll, Miller, Rummage, Hickman, C. M., Delphey, Hutton, Virts, Greer, Scarff, Hargreaves, Bonvegna, Dabrowski, Dypski, Krysiak, Silk, Walters, Antonelli, Brown, Chester, Douglass, J. W., Heintz, McCarty, Raymond, Curran, Hergenroeder, Kent, Kircher, O'Brien, Robey, Douglass, C. A., Randolph, Abramson, Cardin, Dean, Howell, Resnick, Sklar, Webster, Avara, Baumann, Freeberger, Murphy, Rutkowski, Weisengoff, Wyatt, Grumbacher, Hoffman, Wagaman, Glaser, Allen, W. M., Doolan, Levitan, Maddox, Robertson, Shore, Becker, Bell, Docter, Koss, Maurer, Ruben, Zander, Owens, Wiser, Byrnes, Reed, Sloan, Williams, Beck, Burgess, Nichols, Laws, Long, Bolden. Total—116

Annapolis, Maryland, June 1, 1973.

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 772.