

House Bill No. 855 - Anne Arundel County Alcoholic
Beverages

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages

FOR the purpose of providing that persons of a certain age have certain rights with respect to beer and light wine in Anne Arundel County, and providing for employment of minors over a certain age by holders of retail alcoholic beverage licenses in Anne Arundel County, and clarifying the language.

May 31, 1974.

Honorable John Hanson Briscoe
Speaker of the House of Delegates
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 855.

This bill provides that in Anne Arundel County persons 18 years of age or older have certain rights in regard to beer and light wine and further prohibits any person under age 21 from being employed as a bartender by the holder of any retail or wholesale alcoholic beverage license, with a certain exception.

Senate Bill 1, which was enacted by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 31, 1974, is a statewide comprehensive law lowering the legal age from 21 to 18 years for both the consumption and possession of beer and light wine and for employment in establishments serving these beverages. The purpose of House Bill 855 is thus achieved by the enactment and signing of Senate Bill 1.

In addition, the Attorney General has advised me that House Bill 855, while dealing with the same subject matter as Senate Bill 1, does so in terms not wholly consistent with the provisions of Senate Bill 1, and that it is impossible to reconcile and give effect to the provisions of both bills. A copy of the Attorney General's Opinion is attached to this message and should be considered part of it.