

June 1, 1982

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin
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 1518.

This bill prohibits a person in control of certain premises from giving or allowing to be consumed thereon any alcoholic beverages other than as specifically permitted or provided in Article 2B.

Senate Bill 791 contains slightly different wording which makes it a crime for persons in control of certain premises in Harford County to knowingly permit the consumption, possession or transfer of alcoholic beverages in a manner prohibited by Article 2B.

Though both bills seem to contemplate the same purpose of prohibiting the consumption of alcohol at regularly operated business locations open to the general public, the Attorney General has advised me that both may not be signed into law because the bills amend the law in different ways which cannot be reconciled. A copy of the Opinion of the Attorney General is attached and should be considered as part of this veto message.

Because the wording in Senate Bill 791 will pose fewer interpretive problems for those who enforce the law, I have decided to veto House Bill 1518.

Sincerely,
Harry Hughes
Governor

Read and ordered journalized.

May 27, 1982

Honorable Harry Hughes
Governor of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 1518 and
Senate Bill 791

Dear Governor Hughes: