SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

May 26, 2005

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the House State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 161 – Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Tasting and Sampling.

This bill authorizes the Liquor Control Board of Wicomico County to hold wine tasting and sampling promotional events in county liquor dispensaries under specified circumstances and limits the number of days during which events may be held in any 12—month period in the county to not more than 10.

Senate Bill 571, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 161.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

House Bill No. 161

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting and Sampling

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Liquor Control Board of Wicomico County to hold wine tasting and sampling promotional events in the county liquor dispensaries under certain circumstances; specifying certain limitations on the amount of wine that may be served and the number of bottles that may be opened open at an event; limiting the number of days during which events may be held in any 12-month period in the county; prohibiting the mixture of contents of bottles; prohibiting events conducted using a drive-through window; and generally relating to wine tasting and sampling events in Wicomico County.

BY adding to

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 15–205(m) Annotated Code of Maryland (2001 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)