

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

15-205.

(M) IN WICOMICO COUNTY, THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY HOLD WINE TASTING AND SAMPLING PROMOTIONAL EVENTS IN COUNTY LIQUOR DISPENSARIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING RESTRICTIONS:

(1) THE LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD MAY NOT SERVE TO AN INDIVIDUAL MORE THAN 1 OUNCE FROM EACH BRAND AT AN EVENT;

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES THAT MAY BE ~~OPENED~~ OPEN AT ANY ONE TIME AT AN EVENT MAY NOT EXCEED SIX;

(3) THE NUMBER OF DAYS DURING WHICH EVENTS ARE CONDUCTED IN THE COUNTY MAY NOT EXCEED ~~45~~ 10 IN ANY 12-MONTH PERIOD;

(4) ONCE OPENED, EACH BOTTLE USED FOR AN EVENT SHALL BE MARKED THAT IT IS TO BE USED ONLY FOR THAT PURPOSE;

(5) THE CONTENTS OF EACH BOTTLE MAY NOT BE MIXED WITH THE CONTENTS OF ANY OTHER BOTTLE, AND ALL BOTTLES SHALL BE DESTROYED ONCE THEY ARE EMPTY; AND

(6) WINE TASTING AND SAMPLING MAY BE CONDUCTED FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY AND MAY NOT BE CONDUCTED USING A DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 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 162 - *Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Dispensary Reserve Fund*.

This bill alters the reserve fund established in Wicomico County to provide working capital and meet any losses in the operation of the county alcoholic beverages dispensaries and makes the reserve fund subject to the approval of the Wicomico County Council. This bill also repeals the maximum limit for the reserve fund, repeals exclusions from the reserve fund, and requires that net profits be paid to Wicomico County on specified dates.