

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 1450 – *Agriculture – Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council – Establishment*.

This bill establishes a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council. It establishes specified eligible activities that can be paid for by the Fund and gives the Board of Public Works the final approving authority on grants from the Fund.

Senate Bill 566, 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 1450.

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

House Bill No. 1450

AN ACT concerning

Agriculture – Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council – Establishment

FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund for certain purposes; establishing a Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council; providing for the membership of the Council; requiring the Council to make certain recommendations to the Board of Public Works regarding certain grants; ~~requiring certain alcohol tax proceeds on wine sold in the State be distributed to the Fund;~~ establishing the Department of Agriculture as the holder of the Fund for certain administrative purposes; authorizing certain deductions by the Department for administering the Fund; establishing certain eligible activities paid for by the Fund; establishing the Board of Public Works as the final approving authority on grants from the Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and the Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Council.

BY adding to

Article – Agriculture

Section 2-1101 through 2-1103 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.
Maryland Wine and Grape Promotion Fund and Council”

Annotated Code of Maryland