

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.
 President of the Senate
 State House
 Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 344.

This bill prohibits an adult from allowing an individual under 21 years of age to possess or consume alcoholic beverages in the residence in which the adult resides unless the individuals are members of the same immediate family or the consumption is for religious purposes.

House Bill 267, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 14, 1996, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 344.

Sincerely,
 Parris N. Glendening
 Governor

Senate Bill No. 344

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – ~~Possession or Consumption~~ – Adult Responsibility

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an adult from allowing an individual under a certain age to actually possess or consume alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; clarifying a certain exception to a prohibition of a person furnishing an alcoholic beverage to an individual under a certain age; and generally relating to the prohibition of furnishing an alcoholic beverage to an individual under a certain age and prohibiting an adult from allowing the possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage by an individual under a certain age.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments
 Section 401A
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article 27 – Crimes and Punishments

401A.

(a) Except as provided in subsection [(b)] (C) of this section, a person may not furnish any alcoholic beverage to another person if: