

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall be construed retroactively and shall be applied to licensees or licensed premises who, on July 1, 1996, both were providing adult entertainment performances and were less than 1,000 feet, from closest point to closest point, from a dwelling, church, park, child care center, or school~~ may not be construed to affect any current rules or regulations of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County or affect the authority of the Board to adopt rules or regulations concerning prohibited practices for holders of alcoholic beverages licenses.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

May 22, 1997

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1022.

This bill alters the circumstances under which a fraternal benefit society is deemed to have a representative form of government; increases the amount of a bond a society is required to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner; increases the amount of specified premiums a society must collect, provides that an amendment to the laws of a society is deemed approved if not disapproved by the Commissioner within a specified period of time, and alters various other requirements concerning fraternal benefit societies.

Senate Bill 504, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 29, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1022.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor