

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 12-107 of this article or any other contrary provision of this article, a caterer licensed under this section also may contract with patrons to permit them to bring personal alcoholic beverages onto the premises of the caterer for consumption at catered events.

(3) A caterer licensed under this section may :

~~(1) PROVIDE FOOD AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR ITS OWN EVENTS ON ITS OWN PREMISES; OR~~

~~(1)~~ ~~contract~~ ~~CONTRACT~~ to provide alcoholic beverages at events held off the premises, provided that:

~~(i)~~ ~~±~~ The caterer contracts to provide food, as well as alcoholic beverages, for consumption at the catered event; and

~~(ii)~~ ~~±~~ The event is held in Harford County.

(4) A CATERER LICENSED UNDER THIS SECTION MAY PROVIDE FOOD AND KEEP AND SELL AT RETAIL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR CONSUMPTION ONLY ON THE PREMISES OF THE CATERER, AT A SELF-SPONSORED EVENT HELD ONCE DURING A CALENDAR YEAR ON A DAY SELECTED BY THE CATERER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
President of the Senate of Maryland  
State House  
Annapolis MD 21401-1991

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 455 - Critical Skills and Occupations - Income Tax Credit for Individuals.

Senate Bill 455 creates an income tax credit of up to \$1,500 for tuition and related expenses that are required for enrollment in an approved program that provides training in skills that are in short supply and critical to Maryland's economic development strategy. The credit against the personal income tax is 30% of up to \$5,000 in qualified expenses, subject to an income cap. The Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) is required to identify and designate work-related skills that are in short supply and establish a list of approved programs that qualify for the tax credit. The bill is identical to legislation I vetoed after the 1999 Session (Senate Bill 423 and House Bill 1176).

Addressing the shortage of critical skills in Maryland's workforce has been an ongoing priority for both my Administration and the General Assembly. In 1998, we worked with the Legislature to establish the Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship