

derived from them from time to time (including any profit made in their sale) shall be and are hereby declared to be at all times exempt from State, county, municipal, or other taxation of every kind and nature whatsoever within the State of Maryland.

**SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That the authority to borrow money and issue bonds conferred on the County by this Act shall be deemed to provide additional, alternative, and supplemental authority for borrowing money and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional to powers conferred upon the County by other laws and may not be regarded as in derogation of any power now existing; and all previously enacted laws authorizing the County to borrow money are hereby continued to the extent that the power contained in them is continuing or has not been exercised, unless any law is expressly repealed by this Act, and the validity of any bonds issued under previously enacted laws is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. This Act, being necessary for the welfare of the inhabitants of the County, shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes. All Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

**SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2002.

May 16, 2002

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 258 – Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Licenses.

This bill repeals the provision that limits the number of Class H (beer and wine) licenses in Anne Arundel County that may be issued to a person who independently owns and operates a restaurant that is part of a common franchise corporate entity. The bill specifies that a franchisor may not have a direct ownership interest in more than two alcoholic beverages licenses. The bill also authorizes the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class H (beer and wine) license or a Class H (beer, wine, and liquor) license to the holder of a Class B license that prohibits off-premises sales who held that license on June 1, 2002 if the restaurant for which the original Class B license that has been issued or the additional Class H license to be issued meets specific geographic criteria. The license commissioners are required to define "direct ownership interest." House Bill 146, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 258.

Sincerely,  
Parris N. Glendening  
Governor