S.B. 221 VETOES

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 221 – Prince George's County – Wine Consumption – Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

This bill allows, under specified circumstances, residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community in Prince George's County that holds a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license, to consume wine not purchased from the continuing care retirement community.

House Bill 568, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on April 27, 2004, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 221.

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

Senate Bill No. 221

AN ACT concerning

Prince George's County - Wine Consumption - Continuing Care Retirement Communities

FOR the purpose of allowing, under certain circumstances, residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community in Prince George's County that holds a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine and liquor license to consume wine not purchased from the continuing care retirement community; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 12–107(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

12-107.

(b) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to drink on the licensed premises of any license holder any alcoholic beverages not purchased from the license holder on said premises and not permitted by this article to be consumed on the premises; and it shall be unlawful for any license holder to permit any person to drink any alcoholic beverage not purchased from the said license holder on the premises covered by the license which he holds and not permitted by this article to be consumed on the premises.