

refunds on licenses issued by the office and the expenses incurred by the office in the discharge of the duties imposed by this article.

(n) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only in Harford County.

(2) The net proceeds of all funds received by the Board from the sale of licenses under the provisions of this article, outside of the corporate limits of the municipalities of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace, shall be paid to the Treasurer and credited to the general funds of the county.

(3) The net proceeds of the funds derived from the sale of licenses within the corporate limits of the municipalities of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace, after the deduction of a proportionate part of the expenses incident to the proper administration and enforcement of this article, shall be paid by the Board to the treasurers of the respective towns, to be applied to the payment of the interest and the redemption of the principal of any bonded indebtedness.

(4) All expenses incident to the proper administration and enforcement of this article, including [one half] the salaries of the members of the Board, and the proper proportion of the salaries of any employees of the Board, whose duties include the handling of licenses, including the salaries of officers, inspectors, etc., shall be deducted proportionately from the shares of the license fees payable as set forth in this subsection, to the general funds of the county and the governing bodies of the three municipalities.

(5) (i) Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board [of License Commissioners] shall submit an annual budget to the Council and County Executive for review.

(ii) Except as provided under § 15-205(i)(3) of this article, the budget is not subject to approval by the County Council or County Executive.

(iii) The expenditure of license fees collected by the [County] Board for the administration and enforcement of county liquor laws is a matter entirely within the sound discretion of the [County] Board and the provisions of this subsection.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

May 26, 2004

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 224 – *Harford County Liquor Control Board – Appeal of Decisions – Remand of Proceedings.*