also authorizes a licensee to employ a person at least 18 years old to serve alcoholic beverages while acting as a waiter or waitress. Finally, the bill authorizes a licensee to employ a person at least 16 years old to act as a bartender's assistant.

Senate Bill 189, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 297.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley Governor

House Bill 297

AN ACT concerning

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages Licensees - Age of Employees

FOR the purpose of prohibiting an alcoholic beverages licensee in Harford County from employing a person under a certain age to act as a bartender or to serve alcoholic beverages at a permanent full—service bar; providing a certain exception to the prohibition; authorizing a licensee to employ a person of a certain age to serve alcoholic beverages while acting as a waiter or waitress; authorizing a licensee to employ a person of a certain age to act as a bartender's assistant who may perform certain tasks; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licensees in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages Section 12–213(e) Annotated Code of Maryland (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 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 - 213.

- (e) (1) [In] THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IN Harford County [a licensee under this article may not:].
 - [(1)] (2) AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSEE MAY NOT: