

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

May 21, 1998

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 471.

This bill for Kent County requires that in order to qualify for a special Class B beer and light wine license a restaurant must have 60 percent of its average daily sales in food. The bill also authorizes the board of license commissioners to proceed administratively against a licensee which was granted probation before judgment for a violation of alcoholic beverage laws. Currently, the board may not impose fines against or suspend licenses of these licensees.

Senate Bill 252, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 21, 1998, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 471.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 471

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses and Disciplinary Proceedings

FOR the purpose of requiring a restaurant in Kent County for which a Class B beer, wine and liquor license is sought to meet a certain requirement concerning food sales and alcoholic beverages sales; prohibiting in Kent County a finding of probation before judgment from barring a proceeding brought by the Board of License Commissioners against a licensee for an alleged violation of the alcoholic beverages laws; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 5-201(p) and 12-108(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)