

sistent with the State-wide law in the opinion of the Attorney General.

Chapter 661 (House Bill 713). This bill provides new regulations affecting certain classes of licenses for alcoholic beverages in Montgomery County. The State Law Department advises that these provisions are inconsistent with the State-wide measure and should be vetoed.

Chapter 685 (House Bill 865). The State Law Department recommends that this bill be vetoed. In the formal opinion discussing the various enactments of the Legislature, the Attorney General declares that this measure "is out of step with State policy and actually sets a higher fee for beer licenses in Frederick County than for beer and wine licenses." This, obviously, will defeat its purpose, and I am therefore vetoing it.

Chapter 773 (Senate Bill 415). The State Law Department advises that this bill should be vetoed on the basis of its discriminatory features. The Attorney General points out that the provisions of the bill would mark a departure from the system established by the State in respect to taxation on beer, because the tax sought to be imposed in this enactment is not on a gallonage basis as is the case in the State system. The following excerpt from the opinion rendered by the Attorney General sets forth the objection to the bill:

"Chapter 773 (Senate Bill 415) imposes a local Worcester County tax of 5¢ a case and 50¢ a barrel on beer, collectible from the manufacturers and wholesalers. The counties now get all the local license fees, all fines and forfeitures and profits from dispensary systems. The State, both for revenue and for regulatory purposes, should not allow the counties to duplicate its production tax."

In view of the foregoing, to the effect that this would be an innovation and would be bad policy, I am vetoing the measure.

Chapter 776 (Senate Bill 444). This bill relates to the sale and possession of intoxicating liquors in Kent County. The provisions of the State law are sufficient to accomplish the same purpose, and I am accordingly vetoing this bill.

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Chapter 343 (Senate Bill 426), is being vetoed because it was passed as an alternative measure to safeguard the interest