

May 17, 2007

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, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 770 - *Milk Products - Farmstead Cheese Production - Pilot Study*.

This bill establishes a “milk processor - farmstead cheese producer” permit and authorizes the holder of a “milk processor - farmstead cheese producer” permit to perform specified functions and to produce farmstead cheese. The bill also requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue only a specified number of such permits and to issue this permit to persons meeting specified eligibility qualifications.

House Bill 865, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 770.

Sincerely,

Martin O'Malley  
Governor