

who secures the proper garage license. Under the present law, Attorney General Armstrong has ruled "that this particular class of garages are exempt from Garage licenses," while they are conducting the same identical kind of business. This bureau has been the medium of numerous complaints from public garage owners, and we feel that some relief should be given them which would place the individual garage owner on a fair competitive basis with the public garage owner.

(4) Understanding that the Court of Appeals in deciding the "City Market Cases" last year, felt that there was no specific legislation covering the City Markets, relating to the license laws, and inasmuch as these merchants are engaged in the same class of business as merchants not doing business in the City Markets, would recommend that legislation be enacted requiring all persons doing business in any market, other than the producer, grower or manufacturer, be compelled to secure some kind of a State license, the cost of same to be determined by the Legislature.

(5) Numerous complaints have come to this bureau by persons who conduct "restaurants or eating places," and who are required to secure a "Restaurant License" for same, concerning lunches being served at "soda fountains" in direct competition with the bona fide restaurant keeper. I feel that some legislation should be enacted which would more clearly define what constitutes a restaurant, thereby enabling an Inspector of Licenses more clearly to define the law pertaining to this particular kind of license.

(6) I also want to make reference to the great number of persons, firms and corporations conducting business in this State who do not comply with the State License Laws by securing a State License. Under the present law, each person, firm or corporation who violates this law can only be penalized by the courts. If there was a fixed penalty for violations of this kind, without resorting to arrest and court trial, it would greatly facilitate the work of this bureau.

The Legislature of 1922 passed a law creating a "State License Inspector," to be appointed by the Comptroller. After two years it was demonstrated that one inspector could not cover the entire State, so the Legislature of 1924 increased the number to four. Since that time Baltimore City and all the counties have been visited by a License Inspector, the result of which was that the State of Maryland derived a large amount of revenue which in the past had been a total loss.