

## YEARLY REPORT OF CHIEF INSPECTOR STATE LICENSES

October 1, 1927, to October 1, 1928

Baltimore, Md.,  
October 1, 1928.HON. WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR.,  
*Comptroller of the Treasury,*  
Annapolis, Md.

*Honorable Sir*—I herewith submit the following report of the License Inspectors of the State of Maryland for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1927, and ending September 30, 1928.

The total result of the inspection of licenses over the State for the year 1927-8 amounted to \$104,757.66. Of this amount \$58,754.96 was reported in Baltimore City and \$46,002.70 was reported in the counties.

In the course of the work of this bureau we find that quite a number of merchants, and especially those conducting one or more places of business, feel that one blanket license is all that is necessary for any number of stores conducted by them in any county in this State. This condition pertains principally to trader's license. As a separate license is required for each place of business, we feel that this should be defined more clearly and the language of the law made very plain in this matter. If this condition is extensively practiced it will mean a considerable loss of State license revenue.

I also suggest that some provision be injected into the present law which would require all licenses to be posted in a conspicuous place. Considerable time is lost by the inspector while a search is made for the license, which has been mislaid.

I also further feel that some provision should be made whereby a penalty would be imposed upon any firm, person or corporation for their failure to secure the necessary license or licenses for the business they are conducting when due on May 1st. The inspectors find that in a great many instances persons, firms and corporations delay in securing their licenses promptly on May 1st, and wait until the inspector calls on them before payment is made, thereby causing a great deal of loss of revenue to the State and loss of considerable time by the inspectors. If a penalty were imposed, I am sure that the license required would be secured more promptly.

Following is a report of the counties and Baltimore City, individually and collectively: