YEARLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF STATE LICENSES

October 1, 1929 to October 1, 1930.

Baltimore, Md., October 1, 1930.

HONORABLE 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, 1929, and ending October 1, 1930.

The total result of the inspection of licenses over the State of Maryland for the year 1929-30 amounted to \$74,688.88. Of this amount \$46,032.36 was reported in Baltimore City and \$28,656.52 was reported in the Counties, and the total amount of penalty collected over the State was \$21,083.12.

Since the amendments to Article 56, by the session of 1916, there have been several unforseen developments in business, which, in my opinion, should be the subject of license legislation. After carefully considering them I respectfully submit the following additions to the present license laws:

- (1) Beauty Parlors should be required to pay a license.
- (2) All Persons, Firms or Corporations conducting the business of storing automobiles on open lots, in competition with the licensed garage owner, should be required to pay a license based on the number of square feet in the lot, the cost of the license to be the same as the present scale of the Garage license law.
- (3) All gasoline filling stations should be required to secure a Trader's license, whether they are a Manufacturer, Producer or Blender. And all retail stores operated by Manufacturers be required to pay a license based on the amount of stock on hand at the principal season of sale.
- (4) Legislation defining more clearly the Restaurant license law.
- (5) Plumbers and Gas Fitters should be required to secure a Plumbers and Gas Fitters license, and repeal that part of the law saying "In the absence of a Plumbers and Gas Fitters license, a Trader's license will suffice."
- (6) A change in the Peddlers license law. Prohibit foot peddling and require peddlers in motor vehicles to secure a separate license for each vehicle. This particular business is fast becoming an unfair infringement on the rights of the licensed merchant.