

**YEARLY REPORT OF THE CHIEF INSPECTOR OF
STATE LICENSES****October 1, 1930 to October 1, 1931**

Baltimore, Md.,

October 1, 1931.

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, 1930, and ending October 1, 1931.

The total result of the inspection of licenses over the State of Maryland for the year 1930-31 amounted to \$77,599.70. Of this amount \$46,075.62 was reported in Baltimore City, which included a penalty of \$15,379.43. In the counties \$31,524.08 was reported, which included a penalty of \$5,579.59, and the total amount of penalty collected over the State was \$20,959.02.

Since I made my last report a decision has been reached by the Court requiring the merchants conducting business in the North Avenue Market to secure a State license, and this market is now 100% licensed.

During the past year this Bureau has compiled a pamphlet of the license laws of Maryland, which has brought forth much favorable comment. We have placed some of these pamphlets in the hands of the Clerks of the Courts throughout the State to assist them in dealing with State licenses generally. I might add that we have been receiving splendid co-operation from the Clerks of the Courts in the counties. The Legislature of 1931 passed an "Open-Air" garage law, requiring a garage license to conduct the business of storing automobiles on open lots, in competition with the public garage owner. Approximately \$3,500 in revenue has been derived from this source.

I want to call your attention to the fact that while Worcester County shows a large delinquency, it is due to the fact that about \$2,000 of this amount was for current licenses collected at Ocean City. Also a number of merchants in Baltimore have reduced their stock and license, and a number of the large concerns have discontinued business altogether.

Every county in the State has been visited by an Inspector, Somerset and Worcester having been visited twice during the past fiscal year.

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