

not exceeding 6% per annum, and shall be repaid, together with the interest thereon, out of the receipts from sales made at the County Liquor Dispensaries or branch dispensaries.

The Liquor Control Board shall have full power and authority:

(1) To appoint such employees as may be necessary to conduct such County Liquor Dispensaries or branch dispensaries, fix their compensation and require such bonds for the faithful performance of their duties as the Board may in each case determine.

(2) To purchase in sealed packages only from any licensed wholesaler or manufacturer any sparkling or fortified wine or any other alcoholic beverage containing more than fourteen per centum of alcohol by volume, upon which the tax imposed by this Article has been paid, and to purchase from any nonresident producer or dealer any such alcoholic beverages and import the same for resale, as hereinafter provided; but such importations shall not be resold until the excise tax has been paid.

(3) To sell such alcoholic beverages in such sealed containers or packages purchased as above provided, at such prices as may be determined by the Board, which prices shall be uniform in all stores in the said County and shall in no case be less than the cost of such alcoholic beverages.

(4) To refuse to sell any such alcoholic beverages to any person or persons, who, in the judgment of the Board, is not a suitable person to purchase or consume such beverages.

(5) To make any and all contracts, rules and regulations which they may deem necessary or desirable to carry out the powers conferred upon them by this Article.

(6) To sell and ship outside of Worcester County any containers or packages of alcoholic beverages kept for sale in the dispensaries or branch dispensaries, provided that such shipment is not prohibited by law applicable in the place where shipment is consigned.

(7) To purchase from any wholesaler or manufacturer, and also from any non-resident producer or dealer, beer or any other alcoholic beverages containing less than fourteen per centum of alcohol by volume, upon which the tax imposed by this Article has been paid, and to import such beverages into this State and to sell and deliver same in sealed packages or containers at such prices as may be determined by the Liquor Control Board, to all licensed dealers in Worcester County who are authorized to sell or resell such beverages; and to sell and ship outside of the State of Maryland such packages or containers of alcoholic beverages if such shipment is not prohibited by law applicable in the place where shipment is consigned; provided, however, that alcoholic beverages containing less than fourteen per centum alcohol shall not be sold at retail by any County Liquor Dispensary or branch dispensary; provided further that the Liquor Control Board shall not sell beer at a profit in excess of 10 cents per case or \$1.00 per barrel.

(8) It shall be unlawful for any Liquor Dispensary or branch dispensary in Worcester County to remain open or sell any alcoholic beverages after the regular closing hours.

The Liquor Control Board shall keep accurate records of all purchases of alcoholic beverages, which records shall be open to inspection by the Comptroller or any of his Deputies during all regular business hours, and shall also prepare and forward to the Board of County Commissioners, a report for the period ending on April 30th, in each year, which report shall contain a full and complete statement of the business transacted by