

CHAPTER 734.

(House Bill 482)

AN ACT to add seven new sections to Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "County Dispensaries", said new sections to be known as Sections 48K to 48Q, inclusive, and to follow Section 48J of said Article, relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Harford County; creating a Liquor Control Board for said county and prescribing its powers and duties, including the power to issue licenses for the sale of the beverages defined in Section 421A of Article 13 of the Code of Public Local Laws; defining where said dispensaries shall be located and the disposition of the net proceeds therefrom; prescribing the penalties for the violation of the provisions of this Act, or for anyone holding a license for the sale of beverages as defined in said Section 421A of said Article 13, to have in his possession alcoholic beverages containing more than 14% of alcohol by volume; defining the penalties for said violations; and giving the Sheriff of Harford County, his Deputies or other Peace Officers the right of search and seizure under certain conditions; providing that one-half of the net proceeds derived from the Liquor Dispensaries in Harford County shall be paid to the County and that one-half thereof shall be paid to the respective Towns in which the dispensaries are located, and provided further that the net proceeds derived from the Liquor Dispensary in Bel Air are first dedicated to the retirement of the bonds and the debt service thereon issued under the provisions of Chapter 28 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, 1939; providing that on the day of the General Election, to be held in November, 1940, the voters of the Towns of Aberdeen and Bel Air and the City of Havre de Grace, who are qualified to vote in Town or City Elections, shall by a referendum vote decide whether the Dispensaries created under the provisions of this Act shall continue to exist after April 1, 1941; and providing further that if ten per cent (10%) of the voters of any Election District in Harford County, other than those living within the corporate limits of Bel Air and Havre de Grace, shall on or before the first day of October, 1940 file a petition with the Supervisors of Election of Harford County, they may have the question of whether a Liquor Dispensary shall be established in such District placed upon the Ballot at the November Election and decided by the voters of such District, and if a majority of the voters in any District vote in favor thereof, this Act shall apply to any such District.