

*provided that in Montgomery County there is hereby constituted and established, effective July 1, 1951, a Department of Liquor Control, which shall be a department of the County Government under the general supervision of the County Manager, and which shall have the powers of a Liquor Control Board as defined in Section 143, of this sub-title. Whenever used in this sub-title the words "Liquor Control Board" or "Board" shall be construed to apply to the Department of Liquor Control in Montgomery County whenever such construction would be reasonable.*

(b) (Members.) The Liquor Control Board shall consist of three members in each county, except that in Queen Anne's County it shall consist of four (4) members. Those persons who are members of the respective Boards on June 1, 1947, shall continue as such for the balance of the period for which they may have been appointed or elected, according to the terms and conditions of their original appointment or election. *Provided that in Montgomery County, effective July 1, 1951, there is hereby created the position of Director of the Department of Liquor Control, who shall be the chief administrative officer of said Department of Liquor Control.*

(c) (Appointment.) The members of the respective Boards shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provided, that in [Montgomery and] Somerset [Counties] County they shall be appointed by the Governor. In Harford and Queen Anne's Counties they shall be appointed by the respective boards of county commissioners. In Kent County the County Commissioners shall be ex officio the members of the Liquor Control Board. In Harford County said Board shall also be known as the Board of License Commissioners of Harford County, upon which shall be devolved all the duties and rights given elsewhere in this Article. *In Montgomery County the Director of the Department of Liquor Control shall be appointed and removed by the County Manager with the approval of the County Council.*

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(2) Montgomery County—May 1, 1945. *Provided that the members whose terms expire on May 1, 1951, shall continue in office until July 1, 1951, or until the Department of Liquor Control is established.*

(e) (Tenure.) Members of the Boards shall serve for a term of two years, except that in Harford County the term shall be three years, in Somerset County it shall be four years, [in Montgomery County it shall be six years,] and in Worcester County it shall be ten years.