

the Board may appoint or employ from time to time special officers or inspectors, to whom shall be administered by the Board, the usual oath given to peace officers, and who shall upon request of said Board furnish bond in the same manner as required of constables of said county; such officers or inspectors shall be under the direction and control of said Board while on duty for the enforcement of this Article.] *In Harford County, the Liquor Control Board shall employ one full time chief inspector and such other inspector or inspectors as in its discretion shall be required from time to time. Provided, however, that neither the sheriff, any deputy sheriff or any constable or municipal peace officer in Harford County shall be eligible to be appointed or to serve as the chief inspector or as an inspector. The person appointed to be chief inspector shall have had at the time of appointment at least three years' experience in bookkeeping and accounting or shall have a degree in accounting from a recognized college or university. After appointment, the chief inspector shall serve as such and shall be discharged only for cause involving dishonesty, incompetency or immoral conduct; and prior to his discharge, he shall be given a list of the charges against him and an opportunity to reply thereto in an open hearing either in person or by counsel. The chief inspector with the approval of the Liquor Control Board shall be empowered to contract with or hire any independent accounting firm to audit the books and accounts of any licensee. The Liquor Control Board is authorized to establish and change from time to time such reasonable ~~compensation~~ COMPENSATION for the chief inspector or any other inspector or inspectors as is warranted by their respective duties and responsibilities. Nothing in this sub-section shall be construed to relieve from the responsibility of enforcing the provisions of this Article in Harford County the several peace officers listed in Section 177 of this Article.*

~~Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT THIS ACT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AN EMERGENCY MEASURE AND NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A YEA AND NAY VOTE SUPPORTED BY THREE-FIFTHS OF THE MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH OF THE TWO HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE SAME SHALL TAKE EFFECT FROM THE DAY OF ITS PASSAGE.

Approved April 11, 1955.

CHAPTER. 361

(House Bill 385)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 152 (b) and 156 (b) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill