

title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Enforcement" authorizing the ~~Comptroller~~, the Board of License Commissioners for ~~any~~ PRINCE GEORGE'S AND BALTIMORE COUNTY ~~county or~~ Baltimore City, ~~or the State Appeal Board or the clerks thereof~~, to subpoena witness, papers or records pertaining to a licensed business or establishment in hearings or inquiries involving the provisions of the Code concerning Alcoholic Beverages.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 181 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Enforcement", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and to read as follows:

181. (Power to Summon Witnesses.) For the purpose of all hearings and inquiries which the Comptroller, the Board of License Commissioners for any County or Baltimore City, or the State Appeal Board are authorized to hold and make, the said Official, Boards and Appeal Board, and the respective members thereof, ~~or the clerks thereof, are authorized to subpoena any records or papers pertaining to a licensed business or establishment and~~ are authorized to issue summons for witnesses, and to administer to them oaths or affirmations, and all summonses so issued shall be served by the Police Department of the City of Baltimore or by the Sheriff of any of the counties. If any witness so summoned shall refuse or neglect to attend, ~~or shall refuse to produce any records or papers so subpoenaed~~, or attending, refuse to testify, the said official issuing the summons shall report the facts to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, or the Circuit Court for the county, as the case may be, and said court is hereby authorized and directed to proceed by attachment against said witness in all respects as if neglect or refusal had been by a witness summoned to appear in said court in a case pending before it. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY THE BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND/OR THE CLERKS OF THE SAID BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF SAID COUNTIES ARE AUTHORIZED TO SUBPOENA ANY RECORDS OR PAPERS PERTAINING TO A LICENSED BUSINESS OR ESTABLISHMENT. IF ANY WITNESS SHALL REFUSE TO PRODUCE ANY RECORDS OR PAPERS SO SUBPOENAED BY THE SAID BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND/OR THE CLERKS OF THE SAID BOARDS OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY, THE CLERK SHALL REPORT THE FACT TO THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OR BALTIMORE COUNTY, AS THE CASE MAY BE, AND SAID COURT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROCEED BY ATTACHMENT AGAINST SAID WITNESS IN ALL RESPECTS AS IF THE REFUSAL HAD BEEN BY A WITNESS SUMMONED TO APPEAR IN SAID COURT IN A CASE PENDING BEFORE IT.

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

Approved April 11, 1955.