

CHAPTER 611

(House Bill 767)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 151, 153, and 159(c) and (h) (1A) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitles respectively "Boards of License Commissioners," and "County Liquor Control Boards and Dispensaries," to change the composition of the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to make the Liquor Control Board for the county act also as the Board of License Commissioners, to give the Liquor Control Board when acting the powers of a Board of License Commissioners and to change the salaries of members of the Liquor Control Board.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 151, 153, 159(c) and (h) (1A) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitles respectively "Boards of License Commissioners," and "County Liquor Control Boards and Dispensaries," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

151.

The respective boards of county commissioners shall ex officio constitute the boards of license commissioners in Cecil, Dorchester, [Garrett,] Howard, Kent and Worcester counties.

153.

In [Harford County and in Caroline County] *Caroline, Garrett and Harford counties*, the liquor control board is hereby declared to be a State agency to administer the provisions of this article applicable to [Harford County and to Caroline County] *each of these counties*, respectively, and as such is clothed with discretionary powers, in granting, refusing, revoking or suspending licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages, within the limits prescribed under this article.

159.

(c) The members of the respective boards shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Provided, that in Somerset County they shall be appointed by the Governor. In Harford County they shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. In Garrett County, the members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor. He shall appoint two members of the board who are members of that political party which has elected a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners and one member of the board from that political party other than the one electing a majority of the Board of County Commissioners. The appointments shall be confirmed by the members of the House of Delegates elected from the county if there is no resident Senator elected from the county. In Kent County the County Commissioners shall be ex officio the members of the liquor control board. In [Harford County] *Garrett and Harford*