

claiming the same by reason of any alleged insufficiency in the description in the complaint or warrant of the liquor or place, but the claimant shall be entitled to a hearing when the case is tried.

(e) Premises not occupied.—If no one is found in possession of the premises, place, or thing where intoxicating liquor may be found, the officer taking the same shall post in a conspicuous place on said premises or at or near the location of the place or thing searched a copy of his warrant, and take possession of such liquor and means used for the sale of the same, and hold them subject to the order of the court [or justice of the peace,] and make return of his doing thereto. Whereupon it shall be the duty of the [justice of the peace or] court to fix a time for the hearing and determine the purpose for which such liquor is kept, and issue a notice thereof to the officer, who shall post a copy thereof on the premises or at or near the location of the place or thing searched where the liquors were found. If no one appears at the time fixed for said hearing, nor within thirty days thereafter to claim such liquor and means used for the sale of the same, the [justice of the peace or] court shall order the same destroyed or disposed of.

(f) Warrant for residence.—No warrant shall be issued to search any residence accepted as such, unless it or some part of it is used as a store or shop, hotel, restaurant or boardinghouse, or unless such residence is a place of public resort, or unless such residence is utilized as a place for keeping, storing, hiding, secreting or furnishing or handling any intoxicating liquor, in any quantity intended or for the purpose of sale or disposition otherwise contrary to this subtitle or contrary to law; provided, nevertheless, if the [justice of the peace] *judge of the District Court* shall, after an examination of the party making the oath or taking such other proof as may be produced, deem it proper to issue such warrant then the [said justice of the peace] *judge of the District Court*, may, in his discretion, issue the warrant as hereinabove provided, for the searching of such a residence.

(n) Enforcement.—The county commissioners of the county are hereby authorized to use any part of the fines *imposed by a circuit court and* collected for the violation of this article for hiring detectives or secret service officers (who shall be deputized proper officers) [or for paying county constables to secure the enforcement of this article]. And when there are no funds available from fines collected for the violation of this article, such county commissioners are hereby authorized to appropriate not more than two hundred dollars annually in Queen Anne's and Wicomico counties from the general revenue fund for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this article.

(p) Penalty.—Every person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be fined not less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) in Queen Anne's County, nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or imprisoned in the county jail or House of Correction for not less than six months nor more than one year, or be both so fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the [justice of the peace or the] court. If any person shall be convicted of violating any provision of this subtitle and shall subsequently violate any provisions of this subtitle, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than two