

SECTION 1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

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(m) In Cecil County, the board of license commissioners shall employ one full-time alcoholic beverages inspector and fix his compensation at not less than \$8,750 nor more than \$15,000 annually. THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY ALSO EMPLOY ONE ADDITIONAL PART-TIME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INSPECTOR WHOSE COMPENSATION SHALL BE FIXED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. The inspector shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred by him in the manner set by the board of license commissioners. The compensation and travel expenses shall be paid by the County Commissioners. After appointment, the 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 inspector shall investigate all applicants for an alcoholic beverage license or transfer of license in Cecil County, enforce all alcoholic beverage laws therein, and investigate all violations of the alcoholic beverage laws and report the same to the liquor control board. The inspector shall have all the powers of a peace officer of the State of Maryland in respect to the enforcement of the alcoholic beverage laws of Cecil County and shall make an oath, as provided in the Constitution of Maryland, to faithfully perform the duties entrusted to him. The inspector shall visit and inspect at unannounced times every licensed premise in Cecil County at least every ninety days. The inspector shall make monthly reports in writing to the liquor control board covering his activities, setting forth any complaints, and listing any violations that may have been observed by him or reported to him. No person shall accept appointment or continue as an inspector if either he or any member of his immediate family has any personal or financial interest either directly or indirectly in any license or in any licensed premises under the provisions of this article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1980.

Approved May 6, 1980.

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