

FINANCIAL INTEREST, EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN ANY LICENSE, LICENSEE, OR IN ANY PREMISE LICENSED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

(7) (I) AFTER APPOINTMENT, AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INSPECTOR SHALL SERVE AS SUCH AND SHALL BE DISCHARGED ONLY FOR CAUSE INVOLVING DISHONESTY, INCOMPETENCE, OR IMMORAL CONDUCT WHILE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY.

(II) BEFORE THE DISCHARGE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES INSPECTOR, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS SHALL GIVE THE INSPECTOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF ALL PENDING CHARGES AND SHALL AFFORD THE INSPECTOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPLY IN AN OPEN HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD, EITHER IN PERSON OR BY COUNSEL.

(III) THE BOARD SHALL GIVE NOTICE AND HOLD THE HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.

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The Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the board of license commissioners of the county or the city in which the place of business is located, its duly authorized agents and employees, and any peace officer of such county or city, or any of them, shall be fully authorized to inspect and search, without warrant, at all hours, any building, vehicle and premises in which any alcoholic beverages are authorized to be kept, transported, manufactured or sold under a license or permit issued under the provisions of this article, and any evidence discovered during any such inspections shall be admissible in any prosecution for the violation of the provisions of this or any other article, or upon any hearing for revocation, suspension or restriction of the license or permit. Any alcoholic beverages taken as evidence shall be returned to the license or permit holder if he be adjudged not guilty; otherwise it shall be sold to license holders, turned over to State institutions for medicinal use or destroyed. Receipts from such sales shall be credited to the general fund account of the State, county or Baltimore City as the case may be. [Provided that in Kent County, the board of license commissioners shall appoint a liquor inspector and provide for his compensation and expenses and the inspector shall be subject to the supervision and authority of the board. The inspector shall have all the powers of a peace officer or a constable or sheriff of the State of Maryland, and shall make oath to faithfully perform the duties entrusted to him, as provided in Article I, § 6 of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, and he shall furnish bond in the penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to the board of license commissioners of Kent County, conditioned "that said inspector shall well and