

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1992 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

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(a) (2) It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that such policy will be carried out in the best public interest by empowering the Comptroller of the Treasury, the various local boards of license commissioners and liquor control boards, all enforcement officers and the judges [and clerks] of the various courts of this State with sufficient authority to administer and enforce the provisions of this article.

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For the purposes of this article and unless otherwise required by the context:

(o) "Hotel" means an establishment for the accommodation of the public, equipped with not less than ten bedrooms and a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, wherein the average daily receipts from the hire of rooms and the sale of foods exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages; provided that the board of license commissioners [,] in any county [having such a board] or in Baltimore City, and the Mayor, Counselor and Aldermen of the City of Annapolis, may by rule or regulation prescribe a different standard as to what shall constitute a hotel. The requirements of this section relating to average daily receipts are not applicable to any licenses issued in Cecil County.

(p) (1) "Restaurant" means an establishment for the accommodation of the public equipped with a dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals, wherein the average daily receipts from the sale of foods exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. However the board of license commissioners [,] in any county [having this board] or in Baltimore City [,] may by rule or regulation prescribe a different standard as to what constitutes a restaurant.

[(s) "Clerk" means the clerk of any circuit court of a county.]

(S) (1) "LICENSE ISSUING AUTHORITY" MEANS:

(I) FOR A STATE LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE STATE COMPTROLLER; AND

(II) FOR A LOCAL LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE, THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS OR OTHER LOCAL AGENCY EXPRESSLY AUTHORIZED BY THIS ARTICLE TO ISSUE THE LICENSE ~~OR, IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.~~

(2) "LICENSE ISSUING AUTHORITY" DOES NOT INCLUDE A CLERK OF A CIRCUIT COURT, ~~EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY.~~

(S-1) (1) "LOCAL COLLECTING AGENT" MEANS: