

16-407.

(a) There is [a special Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Enforcement] AN INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES Unit under the Comptroller [and within the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division], with such officers and employees as may be provided for in the budget from time to time.

(b) The officers and employees of the [Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Enforcement] INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES Unit shall be sworn police officers and shall have all the powers, duties and responsibilities of peace officers for the enforcement of the provisions of this article having to do generally with (1) the illegal importation of alcoholic beverages into this State; (2) the illegal manufacture of alcoholic beverages in this State; (3) the transportation and/or distribution throughout this State of alcoholic beverages which were manufactured illegally and/or on which any alcoholic beverages taxes imposed by this State are due and illegally unpaid; and (4) the manufacture, sale, barter, transportation, distribution or other form of owning, handling or dispersing alcoholic beverages by any person, persons, associations or corporation not licensed or authorized therefor under the provisions of this article. They are authorized and empowered, from time to time to make cooperative arrangements for and to work and cooperate with the various State's attorneys, sheriffs, constables, bailiffs, police and other prosecuting and peace officers of every sort, in order to enforce the provisions of this article and as provided in this section.

(c) The [Enforcement] INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES Unit shall consult and advise with the several State's attorneys and other law enforcement officials and police officers as to enforcement problems in their respective jurisdictions, and may make suggestions and recommendations for changes to improve the execution and administration of the provisions of this article.

**DRAFTER'S NOTE:**

Error: Obsolete references to the Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Enforcement Unit and the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Comptroller's Office in Article 2B, § 16-407.

Occurred: As a result of the reorganization of the Comptroller's Office on October 12, 1993.

Noted: By Gerald Langbaum, Assistant Attorney General and Counsel to the Comptroller, in a letter dated July 28, 1994.

**Article 27 - Crimes and Punishments**

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(g) For purposes of this section, the term "police officer" means any person who, in [his] AN official capacity, is authorized by law to make arrests and who is:

(12) A member of the [Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Enforcement] INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES Unit OF THE COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE;

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