

(2) Before issuing citations under this section, alcoholic beverages inspectors shall successfully complete an appropriate program of training in the proper use of arrest authority and pertinent police procedure as required by the board of license commissioners.

(3) Alcoholic beverages inspectors may not carry firearms in the performance of their duties.

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(a) For purposes of this section, a violation of the provisions of this subheading is deemed a Code violation and is a civil offense.

(b) A law enforcement officer authorized to make arrests shall issue a citation to a person if the officer has probable cause to believe that a person is committing or has committed a Code violation.

(c) (1) A citation issued under this section shall be signed by the issuing officer and shall contain:

(i) The name and address of the person charged;

(ii) The person's signature;

(iii) The statute allegedly violated;

(iv) The date, location, and time that the violation occurred;

(v) The fine that may be imposed;

(vi) A notice stating that prepayment of the fine is not permitted; and

(vii) A notice stating that the District Court shall promptly send the person a summons to appear for trial.

(2) The form of the citation issued under this section should be uniform throughout the State and shall be as prescribed by the District Court.

(d) The Chief Judge of the District Court may not establish a schedule for the prepayment of fines.

(e) (1) The issuing jurisdiction shall forward to the District Court having venue a copy of the citation and a request for a trial.

(2) The District Court shall promptly schedule the case for trial and summon the defendant to appear. The defendant's failure to respond to the summons shall be contempt of court.

(f) (1) If a person is found by the District Court to have committed a Code violation, that person shall be required to pay a fine in an amount not to exceed \$500.

(2) If the violation is a repeat offense, that person shall be required to pay a fine in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.