The Fire Marshal may designate as a special assistant State fire marshal any law enforcement officer involved in arson investigations or any other suitable persons meeting the standards established under this article. A special assistant serves at the pleasure of the State Fire Marshal and without compensation from the State. The special assistant shall assist the State Fire Marshal in carrying out his duties under this article.

- (d) (1) The State Fire Marshal's office shall have such assistants, consultants, and employees as may be provided for in the budget from time to time.
- (2) The full time investigative and inspection assistants in the office shall be known as deputy State fire marshals and shall meet the minimum qualifications required and complete the training prescribed by the Maryland Police Training Commission for a police officer. The requirement of minimum qualifications and training shall apply only to the full time investigative and inspection assistants in the State Fire Marshal's office and not to the fire inspectors and fire investigators of the local political subdivisions of the State.
- (3) THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL MAY DESIGNATE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES TO CONDUCT INSPECTIONS AND SUBMIT REPORTS AS NECESSARY. THE MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR A CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE SHALL BE THE COMPLETION OF THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARD 1031.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 337

(House Bill 142)

AN ACT concerning

Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Caterer's License

FOR the purpose of allowing in Kent County a holder of a Class B restaurant or hotel (on-sale) beer and light wine license to be issued a caterer's license; and generally relating to caterer's licenses in Kent County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

Section 6-705

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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