

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

16-410.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Board" means the Comptroller, the boards of license commissioners, or the members of the boards, as appropriate.

(3) "County" means any county and Baltimore City.

(4) "Sheriff" means the sheriff of any county or the Baltimore City Police Department.

(b) (1) For the purpose of all hearings and inquiries which the board is authorized to hold and make, the board may issue summonses for witnesses, and administer to them oaths or affirmations.

(2) (i) All summonses shall be served by the sheriff, except that:

1. In the City of Annapolis, summonses may also be served by the Annapolis Police Department;

2. In Anne Arundel County, summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Board and by the Anne Arundel County Police Department; [and]

3. In Baltimore City, summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City; AND

4. IN HARFORD COUNTY, SUMMONSES MAY ALSO BE SERVED BY INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE HARFORD COUNTY LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD.

(ii) If any witness summoned refuses or neglects to attend, or if attending, refuses to testify, the official issuing the summons shall report the facts to the circuit court for the county. The court shall proceed by attachment against the witness in all respects as if the witness summoned to appear in the court in a case pending before it had neglected or refused to do so.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved April 27, 2004.

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