

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

10-204.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the local collecting agent shall remit all license fees collected under this article to the board of county commissioners or county fiscal officer for the county, or to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be.

(2) The board of county commissioners or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall use the portion of the receipts as may be necessary to pay refunds as provided in this section, and devote the balance to the general purposes of the county or city, as the case may be.

(3) The Comptroller's office may retain from the license and permit fees collected by the office for the use of the State of Maryland sums necessary to pay refunds on licenses issued by the office and the expenses incurred by the office in the discharge of the duties imposed by this article.

(n) (1) The provisions of this subsection apply only in Harford County.

(2) The net proceeds of all funds received by the Board from the sale of licenses under the provisions of this article, outside of the corporate limits of the municipalities of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace, shall be paid to the Treasurer and credited to the general funds of the county.

(3) The net proceeds of the funds derived from the sale of licenses within the corporate limits of the municipalities of Aberdeen, Bel Air and Havre de Grace, after the deduction of a proportionate part of the expenses incident to the proper administration and enforcement of this article, shall be paid by the Board to the treasurers of the respective towns, to be applied to the payment of the interest and the redemption of the principal of any bonded indebtedness.

(4) All expenses incident to the proper administration and enforcement of this article, including [one half] the salaries of the members of the Board, and the proper proportion of the salaries of any employees of the Board, whose duties include the handling of licenses, including the salaries of officers, inspectors, etc., shall be deducted proportionately from the shares of the license fees payable as set forth in this subsection, to the general funds of the county and the governing bodies of the three municipalities.

(5) (i) Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board [of License Commissioners] shall submit an annual budget to the Council and County Executive for review.

(ii) Except as provided under § 15-205(i)(3) of this article, the budget is not subject to approval by the County Council or County Executive.