

(5) (i) A wholesaler may not intentionally deliver beer to a retail dealer to whom any wholesaler has extended credit under this subsection [and who] IF THE RETAIL DEALER:

1. fails to pay the balance owed or makes a payment on the debt by bad [check.] CHECK; AND

2. IS CURRENTLY LISTED ON THE WORCESTER COUNTY BEER CREDIT CONTROL LIST IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE COMPTROLLER

(ii) A wholesaler who violates this paragraph is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for each such delivery.

(6) The Board of License Commissioners may not transfer or renew the alcoholic beverages license of a retail dealer who has been extended credit under this subsection and who owes a balance on the debt at the time of the transfer or renewal.

(7) A retail dealer who fails to satisfy a debt on credit extended under this subsection on three separate occasions within a single calendar year may not obtain beer on credit for a period of 2 years from the time of the third occurrence.

(8) (I) A RETAIL DEALER MAY REQUEST A HEARING WITH THE STATE COMPTROLLER WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER BEING LISTED ON THE WORCESTER COUNTY BEER CREDIT CONTROL LIST FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(II) THE STATE COMPTROLLER SHALL REMOVE IMMEDIATELY FROM THE WORCESTER COUNTY BEER CREDIT CONTROL LIST A RETAIL DEALER WHO REQUESTS A HEARING, PENDING THE DISPOSITION OF THE HEARING.

[(8)](9) The State Comptroller shall enforce the provisions of this subsection AND SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

(d) A suit or action ex contractu to enforce or collect any claim for credit extended in violation of this section may not be maintained in this State.

Chapter 507 of the Acts of 1996

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996. [It shall remain effective for a period of two years and, at the end of September 30, 1998, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 1998.

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