

(2) HEAR THE CASE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE WHEN THE LIQUOR BOARD DETERMINES THAT EXERCISING INITIAL JURISDICTION IS DESIRABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

(Q) (1) A HOLDER OF A LICENSE, A PERSON APPLYING FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE, OR A PERSON ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES MAY NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OFFER TO PAY A COMMISSION, PROFIT, OR REMUNERATION OR MAKE A GIFT OF MORE THAN NOMINAL VALUE TO:

(I) A MEMBER OF THE HEARING BOARD OR OF THE LIQUOR BOARD;

(II) AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MEMBER OF THE HEARING BOARD OR OF THE LIQUOR BOARD; OR

(III) AN AGENT ACTING ON BEHALF OF A MEMBER OF THE HEARING BOARD OR OF THE LIQUOR BOARD OR EMPLOYEE ASSIGNED TO THE HEARING BOARD OR THE LIQUOR BOARD.

(2) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN \$1,000.

15-109.

[(o) In Howard County, the annual reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of the Board of License Commissioners is as follows:

(1) Chairman - \$55 per meeting attended; and

(2) Other members - \$50 per meeting attended.]

15-112.

[(o) (1) This subsection applies only in Howard County.

(2) The Board may employ inspectors as necessary at a compensation as the County Council budgets. The inspectors shall:

(i) Be known as "alcoholic beverages inspectors for Howard County";

(ii) Each have all the powers of a peace officer or a constable or sheriff of this State;

(iii) Make oath to faithfully perform the duties entrusted to them, as provided in Article I, § 9 of the Constitution of this State; and

(iv) Have the duties prescribed by the Board.

(3) The services of the bureau of inspection and licenses, the office of the County solicitor, and other County departments and offices shall be made available to the Board.

(4) A commissioner may not: