

HOUSE BILL 466

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By: **Delegates Arentz, Ghrist, and Jacobs**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Inspector**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the authority of the Board of License Commissioners for
4 Queen Anne's County to appoint a certain inspector; requiring the Queen Anne's
5 Board of County Commissioners, with the advice of the Board of License
6 Commissioners, to appoint a certain inspector; and generally relating to alcoholic
7 beverages and the appointment of inspectors in Queen Anne's County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 27–101 and 27–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 27–205

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2019 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

21 27–101.

22 (a) In this title:

23 (1) the definitions in § 1–101 of this article apply without exception or
24 variation; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (b) “Board” means the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County.

3 (c) “County” means Queen Anne’s County.

4 27–102.

5 This title applies only in Queen Anne’s County.

6 27–205.

7 (a) The **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WITH THE ADVICE OF THE** Board, shall
8 appoint an inspector at not less than \$3,000 annually and with a mileage allowance that
9 the County Commissioners determine.

10 (b) An individual may not qualify or continue service as an inspector if the
11 inspector or any member of the inspector’s immediate family has a personal or financial
12 interest, directly or indirectly, in a license, license holder, or premises licensed under this
13 article.

14 (c) An inspector shall:

15 (1) investigate all applicants for a license or transfer of a license;

16 (2) inspect at unannounced times every licensed premises in the county at
17 least once every 60 days;

18 (3) except as provided in subsections (d) and (e) of this section, enforce all
19 alcoholic beverages laws with the same power as a law enforcement officer of the State;

20 (4) investigate all violations of the alcoholic beverages laws and report
21 them to the Board;

22 (5) submit monthly reports in writing to the Board of the inspector’s
23 activities, setting forth complaints and listing violations that the inspector observed or that
24 were reported to the inspector; and

25 (6) conduct compliance checks relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages to
26 an individual under the age of 21 years in violation of § 6–304 of this article for every
27 licensed premises in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board.

28 (d) The Office of the Sheriff shall enforce violations of § 6–304 of this article.

29 (e) An inspector has no power of arrest.

1 (f) An inspector shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland
2 Constitution.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2020.