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**By: Senators Hughes and Sfikas**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2           **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages**  
3           **(Liquor Board Inspectors - Civil Service)**

4 FOR the purpose of placing the appointment and removal of Liquor Board Inspectors in  
5 Baltimore City under the classified civil service in the City; providing for the  
6 appointment and removal of the Inspectors; prohibiting certain actions; disclaiming  
7 the effect of this Act on legal proceedings as of a certain date; and generally relating  
8 to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 15-112(b)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1996 Replacement Volume)

14 BY adding to  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 15-112(e)(6)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (1996 Replacement Volume)

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

21           **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

22 15-112.

23           (b) The respective board shall be authorized to employ a secretary and such  
24 inspectors, clerical and other assistance as may be necessary, and to fix the compensation  
25 of such employees, except as otherwise provided by this article.

26           (e) In Baltimore City

27                   (6) (I) 1. IN THIS PARAGRAPH, "INSPECTORS" MEANS BOTH  
28 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD  
29 AND WHO WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

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1                                   2. INSPECTORS WHO WERE APPOINTED PRIOR TO OCTOBER  
2 1, 1997, SHALL CONTINUE THEIR APPOINTMENT AFTER THAT DATE UNLESS  
3 REMOVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLASSIFIED CIVIL SERVICE PROCEDURES.

4                                   (II) AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1997:

5                                   1. INSPECTORS ARE PART OF THE CLASSIFIED CIVIL  
6 SERVICE OF THE CITY;

7                                   2. THE BOARD MAY APPOINT AND REMOVE INSPECTORS  
8 ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW THAT GOVERN CLASSIFIED  
9 CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY;

10                                  3. AN EMPLOYEE OF THE BOARD MAY NOT SOLICIT OR  
11 RECEIVE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OR ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON, A  
12 COMMISSION, POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION, REMUNERATION, OR GIFT FROM:

13                                  A. A LICENSEE OR OTHER PERSON WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE  
14 MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; OR

15                                  B. AN AGENT OR EMPLOYEE OF A LICENSEE OR OTHER  
16 PERSON WHO IS ENGAGED IN THE MANUFACTURE OR SALE OF ALCOHOLIC  
17 BEVERAGES; AND

18                                  4. AN EMPLOYEE OR OTHER PERSON SPECIFIED IN  
19 SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH 3 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS  
20 OF THAT SUB-SUBPARAGRAPH IS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES SPECIFIED IN § 16-503  
21 OF THIS ARTICLE.

22                                  (III) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT ALTER THE  
23 PROCESS BY WHICH INSPECTORS' SALARIES ARE FUNDED. SALARIES SHALL BE  
24 DETERMINED BY THE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL UNDER THE  
25 COMPENSATION POLICIES FOR CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES OF THE BOARD.

26           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of this Act  
27 are not intended to have any effect on any legal proceeding that is pending on October 1,  
28 1997.

29           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
30 October 1, 1997.