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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2003  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George's County - Board of License Commissioners - Alcoholic**  
3 **Beverages Inspectors**  
4 **PG 300-03**

5 FOR the purpose of altering the number of full-time alcoholic beverages inspectors  
6 appointed by the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners; and  
7 generally relating to full-time alcoholic beverages inspectors for Prince George's  
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 15-109(r)(1) and (6), 15-112(r)(1) and (2), and 16-408  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
15 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
16 Section 15-112(r)(3)  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
20 Article - Criminal Law  
21 Section 10-119(a) and (b)  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland  
23 (2002 Volume)

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

**Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

1 15-109.

2 (r) (1) This subsection applies only in Prince George's County.

3 (6) The County Council shall pay for all expenses of the Board of License  
4 Commissioners upon the submission of an annual budget. In that budget, the salary  
5 of the members of the Board shall be approved as hereinbefore set forth; all other  
6 expenses, including, but not restricted to, the compensation of the inspectors, the  
7 salary of the administrator as limited herein, compensation of other personnel, who  
8 shall be qualified and employed under the county merit system, printing, supplies,  
9 and office space, shall be at the discretion of the County Council.  
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11 15-112.

12 (r) (1) This subsection applies only in Prince George's County.

13 (2) The Board shall appoint an administrator, an attorney, and all  
14 inspectors for the Board.

15 (3) (i) The inspectors shall:

16 1. Each have all the powers of a peace officer or a constable  
17 or sheriff of this State;

18 2. Make oath to faithfully perform the duties entrusted to  
19 them, as provided in Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution;

20 3. Be known as "alcoholic beverages inspectors for Prince  
21 George's County";

22 4. Have the duty of visiting and inspecting every licensed  
23 premises periodically; and

24 5. Carry on the other duties the Board prescribes.

25 (ii) There are [2] THREE full-time and 29 part-time inspectors, all  
26 of whom shall be county residents. The [2] THREE full-time inspector positions shall  
27 be designated as the chief inspector and the deputy chief [inspector] INSPECTORS.  
28 The [2] THREE full-time inspectors who meet the standards set out by the Prince  
29 George's County merit board and who are certified by the personnel director as  
30 meeting these standards shall be entitled to the provisions of the county merit  
31 system.

32 (iii) Each part-time inspector shall receive an annual salary of not  
33 less than \$9,976.

34 (iv) The Board shall designate annually a chief inspector from  
35 among the [2] THREE full-time inspectors. The chief inspector, under the direction of  
36 the Board, shall regulate the duties, hours, and assignments of the various inspectors.

1 16-408.

2 The inspectors in Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Harford County,  
3 Montgomery County, and Prince George's County who investigate license violations  
4 under this article may issue civil citations as provided in § 10-119 of the Criminal  
5 Law Article.

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**Article - Criminal Law**

7 10-119.

8 (a) A person who violates §§ 10-113 through 10-118 of this part shall be  
9 issued a citation under this section.

10 (b) A citation for a violation of §§ 10-113 through 10-118 of this part may be  
11 issued by:

12 (1) a police officer authorized to make arrests;

13 (2) in State forestry reservations, State parks, historic monuments, and  
14 recreation areas, a forest or park warden under § 5-206(a) or (b) of the Natural  
15 Resources Article; and

16 (3) in Anne Arundel County, Frederick County, Harford County,  
17 Montgomery County, and Prince George's County, and only in the inspector's  
18 jurisdiction, an alcoholic beverages inspector who investigates license violations  
19 under Article 2B of the Code if the inspector:

20 (i) has successfully completed an appropriate program of training  
21 in the proper use of arrest authority and pertinent police procedures as required by  
22 the board of license commissioners; and

23 (ii) does not carry firearms in the performance of the inspector's  
24 duties.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 October 1, 2003.