

CHAPTER 344

(Senate Bill 683)

AN ACT concerning

Cecil County – Alcoholic Beverages – Board of License Commissioners – Summons and Subpoenas

FOR the purpose of authorizing inspectors employed by the Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County to serve summonses for witnesses; authorizing the Board to subpoena records or papers pertaining to a licensed business or establishment; and generally relating to the powers of the Board of License Commissioners of Cecil County and inspectors employed by the Board.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

Section 16–410(b)(2)(i) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

(As enacted by Chapter 78 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

16–410.

(b) (2) (i) All summonses shall be served by the sheriff, except that:

1. In the City of Annapolis, summonses may also be served by the Annapolis Police Department;

2. In Anne Arundel County, summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Board and by the Anne Arundel County Police Department;

3. In Baltimore City, summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City; [and]

4. IN CECIL COUNTY, SUMMONSES MAY ALSO BE SERVED BY INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE CECIL COUNTY BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS; AND

[4.] **5.** In Harford County, summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Harford County Liquor Control Board.

(c) (1) This subsection applies in the following counties:

(i) Anne Arundel County;

(ii) Baltimore City;

(iii) Baltimore County;

(iv) Carroll County;

(v) CECIL COUNTY;

[(v)] **(vi)** Frederick County;

[(vi)] **(vii)** Garrett County;

[(vii)] **(viii)** Howard County;

[(viii)] **(ix)** Prince George's County;

[(ix)] **(x)** Wicomico County; and

[(x)] **(xi)** Worcester County.

(2) A board may subpoena any records or papers pertaining to a licensed business or establishment.

(3) If a witness refuses to produce any records or papers so subpoenaed the board shall report the fact to the circuit court for the county, and the court shall proceed by attachment against the witness in all respects as if the refusal had been by a witness summoned to appear in the court in a case pending before it.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2007.