

Chapter 535

(House Bill 349)

AN ACT concerning

Queen Anne’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Unannounced Visits by Inspectors

FOR the purpose of decreasing the frequency with which an alcoholic beverages inspector is required to make an unannounced visit to every licensed premises in Queen Anne’s County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Queen Anne’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 27–102 and 27–205(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 27–205(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

27–102.

This title applies only in Queen Anne’s County.

27–205.

(a) The Board shall appoint an inspector at not less than \$3,000 annually and with a mileage allowance that the County Commissioners determine.

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

(c) An inspector shall:

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

(2) inspect at unannounced times every licensed premises in the county at least once every ~~[60]~~ **180** days;

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

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

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

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

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 30, 2021.