

SENATE BILL 854

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By: **Senator Hershey**

Introduced and read first time: February 9, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Queen Anne's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Unannounced Visits by Inspectors**

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

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 27–102 and 27–205(a) and (b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 27–205(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 27–102.

20 This title applies only in Queen Anne's County.

21 27–205.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

5 (c) An inspector shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
20 1, 2021.