

YEARLY REPORT OF CHIEF INSPECTOR OF STATE LICENSES

October 1, 1925, to October 1, 1926

Baltimore, Md.,

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HON. WILLIAM S. GORDY, JR.,
Comptroller of the Treasury,
Annapolis, Md.

Honorable Sir—I herewith submit the following report of the License Inspectors of the State of Maryland for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1925, and ending October 1, 1926.

The total result of the Inspection of Licenses over the State (Delinquents and Inadequate), amounted to \$65,789.13. Of this amount, \$34,209.34 was collected in Baltimore City, and \$31,579.79 was collected in the counties.

Since the inauguration of the State License Bureau the License Inspectors, in making their investigations, have found a great many conditions existing which should be remedied in order to make the work more effective, with a tendency to create a stricter compliance with the License Laws. I hereby respectively submit the following recommendations:

(1) That all persons to whom licenses have been issued should be required to keep same posted in a conspicuous place on the premises where the business is conducted, thereby saving a great amount of time and inconvenience for the License Inspectors. And furthermore suggest a nominal penalty for failure to have said licenses posted.

(2) In the course of the inspection of licenses the Inspectors find that a great number of persons have abused the law pertaining to "Female Traders License." I feel that if the "Female Traders License" would be abolished and the license read "Widow's License," (only to be issued to a bona fide widow where the stock is not over \$300), it would put an end to taking an advantage of this particular license, and the revenue to the State would be justly increased.

(3) Since the law was passed requiring persons conducting a public garage for storage of automobiles to secure a "Garage License," it has developed in Baltimore City and over the State of Maryland that many persons have gone into the "individual garage" business, many of them having from 100 to 200 individual garages. I feel like this is unfair competition with the "public garage" owner,