

known as Sections 126A and 126B, to follow immediately after Section 126 of said Article and to read as follows:

*126A. On and after July 1, 1955, the Comptroller shall, from the taxes levied and collected under and by virtue of the terms of Section 126 of this Article on all distilled spirits and other alcoholic beverages except beer and wine, pay over and distribute the following: to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore Fifty Cents (50¢) per gallon on all such alcoholic beverages sold or delivered by a manufacturer or a wholesaler to any retail dealer for sale in Baltimore City; to the County Commissioners of each County Fifty Cents (50¢) per gallon on all such alcoholic beverages sold or delivered by a manufacturer or a wholesaler to any retail dealer for sale in said County. For the purposes of this section, the term "retail dealer" shall include any county liquor store or dispensary. The revenues to be distributed to Baltimore City and to each of the counties as provided in this section shall be paid to said City and to said counties by the Comptroller at least as often as quarterly.*

*126B. No political sub-division in this State shall, after July 1, 1955, have the power or authority to impose any tax on distilled spirits, beer, wine or any other alcoholic beverage, either by the terms and conditions of any public general law or by the terms and conditions of any public local law, and any such laws which grant or purport to grant such power and authority to any political sub-division are hereby repealed and declared to be null and void, the repeal of such laws to become effective on July 1, 1955. Provided, however, that the terms and conditions of this section shall have no application to the provisions of Section 128 (a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition). Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent the collection of taxes imposed on any such alcoholic beverages after July 1, 1955, if such taxes were due and payable to any political sub-division on or before that date.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect on June 1, 1954.*

*This bill was introduced and passed at the 1954 session of the General Assembly as House Bill No. 24. It was vetoed by the Governor on February 23, 1954. The veto was overridden in the House of Delegates on February 23rd and in the Senate on February 25th.*