

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 9, 1969.

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CHAPTER 97

(House Bill 1116)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 56(18) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Application for License," to provide that in St. Mary's County persons owning real estate near premises for which a license is sought shall be among those signing the certificate.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 56(18) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Application for License," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(18) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who shall be owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, setting forth the length of time each has been acquainted with the applicant, or in the case of a corporation with the individuals making the application; that they have examined the application of the applicant and that they have good reason to believe that all the statements contained in said application are true, and that they are of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license. The certificate must have a statement that the signers thereof are familiar with the premises upon which the proposed business is to be conducted, and that they believe the premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of a retail dealer in alcoholic beverages. *In St. Mary's County, persons owning real estate within a five (5) mile radius of the premises for which a license is sought shall be among those persons signing the certificate.* Provided further, however, that this subsection or part (18) shall not be applicable to applications filed in Prince George's County.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1969.

Approved April 9, 1969.

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CHAPTER 98

(House Bill 1117)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 195(a) of the Code of Public Local Laws of St. Mary's County, (1965