

Chapter 86

(House Bill 328)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Applications for Licenses

FOR the purpose of exempting a certain application for an alcoholic beverages license in Harford County from a requirement for a certain certificate signed by a certain number of citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted; and generally relating to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
 Section 10–103(b)(18)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages

10–103.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, every new application for a license shall be made to the Board of License Commissioners on forms prescribed by the Comptroller and sworn to by the applicant. Every application for a license shall contain the following:

(18) (i) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, stating 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 this 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 of it 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.

(ii) In St. Mary's County, persons who are owners of real estate within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought and registered voters of St. Mary's County shall be those persons signing the certificate.

(iii) The certificate required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is not necessary for applications filed in Dorchester County, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, [and] Baltimore County, **AND HARFORD COUNTY.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2015.