

licenses shall expire on the first day of May in each year; if issued for a shorter period, the licensee shall pay for every month for which his license is to run until the first day of May, one-twelfth of the annual charge for such license, and such fractional license shall go into effect upon the first of the month following the expiration of the notice of his application.

SEC. 54F. If, after the notice provided for in this Act has been given there be no remonstrance filed with said clerk against the issuing of the license applied for within the time fixed by said notice, and said petition is in accord with the requirements of this law, then said clerk shall issue said license, to go into effect the first day of the succeeding month, upon the petitioner or petitioners paying to said clerk, if the proposed place of sale is located in the city of Westminster, or within one-half mile of the corporate limits thereof, the sum of three hundred dollars; and elsewhere in said county, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; as well as the further sum of fifty cents as a fee to the clerk. But if there be any remonstrance or objection filed against the issuing of any license petitioned for before the expiration of the time fixed by the notice above required, the clerk shall not issue the same, but shall at once refer the petition and objection or remonstrance to the Circuit Court for Carroll county, and any judge thereof shall fix a date as early as practicable when said petition and remonstrance shall be heard, and the clerk shall docket the case, notify the parties of the time fixed, and at such hearing the burden of proof shall be upon the petitioner to establish such allegations of his petition as are denied by the remonstrance. The said court shall, in its discretion, whenever in its opinion the petitioner is or petitioners are unfit person or persons to be granted such license, or the place for which the said license is applied is not a proper one for the sale of intoxicating liquors with reference to the location of any of the public schools or churches of the county, or any other sufficient cause, or if the petitioner has not complied with all the prerequisites of this Act, direct said clerk not to issue said license, and if said court shall determine that said license shall be issued, then the clerk shall issue the same, upon payment to him of the license fee hereinbefore provided for; and the judge hearing said petition and remonstrance shall impose the payment of the costs of such hearing in such manner as he may deem equitable and just.

SEC. 54G. The clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county shall keep and preserve in his office a full record of all applications for licenses and all recommendations for and remon-