

CHAPTER 136.

(House Bill 126)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 64A of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Traders", relating to traders' licenses, issued to persons with defective vision.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 64A of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1943 Supplement), title "Licenses", sub-title "Traders", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

64A. If an applicant for a traders' license to sell, barter, or otherwise dispose of any and all kinds of goods, wares or merchandise other than any alcoholic beverage shall produce a signed certificate from a registered physician who specializes in the treatment of the eye, to the effect that said applicant has a defect in his vision which leaves the applicant with a visual acuity not to exceed 20/140 in the better eye with correcting lenses; or visual acuity greater than 20/140 but with a limitation in the fields of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees; and if said applicant shall also make affidavit, duly acknowledged, that he is the bona fide proprietor of the establishment or place of business described in the application, then said clerk shall demand and receive the sum of Six Dollars (\$6.00), and no more, before granting the license applied for. The Maryland Workshop for the Blind may likewise secure a trader's license for such an establishment or place of business of which it is the owner, upon its making an affidavit to such fact, and if any person who is to act as manager thereof has a vision of less than the standard above specified. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Public General or Public Local Laws of Maryland, such licensee shall not, during the term of such license, be required to obtain any additional license or to pay any additional license fee for the privilege of selling any goods, wares or merchandise other than alcoholic beverages. No license issued under the provisions of this section shall be transferable, except that the Maryland Workshop for the Blind may from time to time change the manager in any such establishment or place of business owned or operated by it, placing therein a new manager with a vision less than the standard above specified. Any person, including any registered physician, who shall violate, or who shall conspire to