

CHAP. 13. Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county a petition addressed to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's county setting forth that he proposes to engage in said business in said district number five or Queenstown district; that he is fitted by training and experience to conduct the same, and that he is not about engaging therein with a view to evade the provisions of this Act, or any part of it; which said petition shall be accompanied by a certificate, filed therewith, of twenty-four freeholders of said district that they are well acquainted with said petitioner and that they know him to be well fitted by training and experience to conduct such business, and that from their knowledge of his character they are satisfied that he will not abuse his license, if granted, to evade the provisions of this law; and upon such petition and certificate being filed the said clerk shall give ten days' notice by two insertions in some newspaper published in Queen Anne's county of such petition, the cost of which notice, together with all fees incurred under such petition, shall before such publication be paid by the petitioner, and if within said ten days no objections shall be filed to the issuing of such license the said clerk shall at once issue the same, endorsed "Pharmacist and Druggist License" over his official signature, upon the petitioner paying the usual license charges therefor; but if within the said ten days any objection is filed, either to the fitness of such petitioner by experience and training to conduct such business, or to his character as a man fit to be trusted to conduct the same, the said clerk shall forthwith lodge all the papers in said case with the judges of the aforesaid Court, or any one of them who shall appoint an early day for hearing the case, and shall direct the clerk to issue subpoenas for such witnesses as either the petitioner or objector may desire, and shall hear and determine the case as to them or him shall seem right, and shall award to the successful party such costs in the case as may have arisen since the publication of the notice as aforesaid; and the said clerk shall issue or withhold said license according to the order of the judges or judge passed after hearing said petition and objection; every petition filed under this section shall be verified by the oath of the petitioner taken before the said clerk, and certified by him on said petition or on a paper annexed thereto; and any false swearing as to any matters required herein to be set forth in any such petition shall be held to be perjury; but such license issued and endorsed shall have no effect to restrain the person licensed in the sale of any goods, wares and merchandise which he could have heretofore sold under a traders' license, except the liquors mentioned in section 193; and if any one who shall have obtained a license as

Notice to be given.

Issuing of license.