

CHAP. 299

Repeal an  
• re-enact.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Sections 134, 135, 136 and 137 of Article 24 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, as enacted by Chapter 411 of the Acts of 1896, title "Worcester County," sub-title "Liquors and Intoxicating Drinks," be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, and to add an additional section to said Article, to be known as Section 138 A, so as to read as follows :

Hotel keeper.

Section 134. Any person in said county who may keep a house for the reception of guests or permanent or transient boarders, containing at least five chambers more than are needed for his family purposes, and which said five or more chambers are used for the reception of guests or transient boarders, containing therein for use at all times at least eight good beds, with sufficient covering therefor, and having a stable sufficient for the accommodation of five or more horses, shall be deemed and considered to be a hotel keeper within the meaning of said title of this Act, provided that such house shall be a *bona fide* hotel for the reception of guests or permanent or transient boarders at all times, and kept and generally recognized as such, and not kept as a hotel with a view mainly to engage in the sale of liquor.

Petition for  
license to sell  
liquor.

Section 135. Any such hotel keeper in said county proposing to sell any intoxicating, spirituous, vinous or fermented liquors as aforesaid, in said county, shall file his petition in the Circuit Court for Worcester county twenty days in advance of the issuing of the license applied for if granted, during which said time said court shall pass upon said petition ; provided, he shall file with said petition a written certificate, signed by at least twelve freeholders, resident citizens of the school district in which said applicant desires to sell intoxicating liquors, setting forth their belief that the applicant for such license will keep an orderly house, and duly observe the provisions of this sub-title of this article, verified by the affidavits of said applicant and two respectable and disinterested witnesses, of their belief therein that he has *bona fide* and without intending to evade the spirit and meaning of this sub-title of this article duly provided, and will maintain and keep for use at all times eight good beds, with sufficient covering therefor, and at all times five chambers more than are or may be necessary for the private or family purposes of said hotel keeper,