

Chapter 57.

AN ACT to repeal section four of chapter two hundred and seventy of the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January session of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in Wicomico county," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That section four of chapter two hundred and seventy of the acts of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at the January session of eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors in Wicomico county," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

Repealed and re-enacted.

SECTION FOUR. That on the day appointed as aforesaid, after duly examining and considering the application and certificate and recommendation accompanying the same, the clerk may or may not, at his discretion, approve such application, and in order to satisfy himself fully of the propriety of approving the same, he shall receive remonstrances and hear evidence and arguments, for and against the same, under such rules as he may think proper ; and the said clerk may establish general rules for that purpose. If any application shall be approved, as herein provided, the clerk shall endorse the word "approved" thereon, and sign the same, with the date of such approval. If not approved the said clerk shall endorse thereon "not approved," and sign the same ; and it shall be the duty of the clerk to issue the proper license to any person or persons whose application he may so approve, and to no other or others, to expire on the first day of May next succeeding, except to those who make application before the first day of May, in which case the license shall run for a whole year, commencing with the first day of May ; and the decision of the clerk shall be

Clerk may or may not approve.

When to issue license.