

5. That if any person shall file in writing with said clerk any reason why the license applied for should not be granted, such clerk shall forthwith present the application and certificate and the objection to a judge of the Circuit Court for the said county, and such judge shall proceed to hear and determine the question as to whether the license applied for shall be issued or not, after giving such notice to the applicant and the objector as such judge shall deem reasonable and proper, and shall award the cost of such notice and the costs incurred by such hearing as such judge shall deem equitable and just, and all the provisions of this Act shall be mandatory, nevertheless, the said judge may, in his discretion, for sufficient cause, refuse a license to any applicant, and may also in his discretion grant a license to an applicant convicted of selling intoxicating liquors or beers to minors when he believes the sale to have not been an intentional violation of the law.

6. That the clerk of the county shall file and carefully preserve the application, certificate and affidavits, and after giving the said notice, if no cause be shown to the contrary, or if cause be shown and the said judge shall direct in writing that the license shall be issued, shall issue to the applicant or applicants the license applied for upon receiving from the applicant or applicants the license fee now required, or that may be hereafter required by law for the issuing of the license applied for; provided, that the license issued under the provision of this Act may, in the discretion of the court, be assigned or transferred upon the assignee or transferee complying with all the provisions and conditions necessary to obtain a new license under this Act.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6, 1908.

CHAPTER 14.

AN ACT to prohibit the sale or barter of spirituous or fermented liquors, lager beer, wine, cider or intoxicating drinks of any kind, at any place within three and a half miles of Central Chapel, near New London, in Frederick county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be unlawful for any person, directly or indirectly, to sell or barter any spirituous or fermented liquors, lager beer, wine, cider or intoxicating drinks of any kind, at any place in the State of Maryland within three and a half