

CHAPTER 174.

AN ACT defining a Club and regulating the terms and conditions under which it may sell spirituous or fermented liquors, or lager beer in Washington County, and fixing penalties for a violation thereof.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purposes of this Act a club shall be defined to be a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, and either owning real estate situated in Washington County, Maryland, of an assessed valuation of not less than five thousand dollars, or being a subordinate lodge of an American fraternal organization which owns real estate as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for any club or clubs to sell spirituous, fermented or intoxicating liquors in Washington County, Maryland, until it or they shall comply with the following conditions: Every club proposing to sell liquor as aforesaid in said County shall file with the clerk for the Circuit Court for Washington County its petition for such license, and shall at the same time pay to said clerk two dollars for expenses connected therewith, and said clerk shall cause to be published three times in at least one newspaper published in a town or city in or near which the said club is located, a list of the names of all such club applicants, and the location of the club house, or club rooms, where it is proposed to sell said liquors, as aforesaid, and where, under the provisions of this Act, the publication might be made in one of several newspapers, the applicant may designate the one in which the publication may be made. The first application shall not be less than twenty days before the time fixed by said clerk for the consideration of such application. The said petition shall state the name of said club applicant and the date of its incorporation which shall be not less than two years from the time of filing said application, the place of its incorporation and the number of its membership, which shall not be less than fifty, and the amount of annual dues, which shall not be less than five dollars per year. The location of the club house or club rooms for which the license is desired, designating the same by street and number if practicable, but if not, by such other apt description as shall definitely locate it. The name of said club house or club rooms in which the business, if licensed, is to be carried on. That the said applicant has not had a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors revoked under the provisions of this law. That the said