

dred dollars, then it shall be the duty of said clerk before granting said license to demand and receive therefor the sum of twenty five dollars; and if it shall appear from such statement that such rate of rent or annual value of said house or place does or shall not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars, then it shall be the duty of said clerk, before granting such license to demand and receive therefor the sum of forty dollars; and if it shall appear that the rate of rent or annual value of said house or place exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars, and is not more than five hundred dollars, then the sum of sixty dollars; and if more than five hundred dollars and not more than one thousand dollars, then the sum of one hundred dollars; and if more than one thousand dollars, and not more than two thousand dollars, then the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; and if more than two thousand dollars and not more than five thousand dollars, then the sum of two hundred dollars; and if more than five thousand dollars and not more than ten thousand dollars, then the sum of three hundred dollars; and if more than ten thousand dollars then before granting the license the said clerk in addition to said three hundred dollars shall demand and receive from said applicant a sum equal to five per cent. of such excess; *Provided, nevertheless*, that in no case shall said applicant be required to pay a sum greater than five hundred dollars, and that nothing herein shall be so construed as to exempt any room or part of a hotel which may be rented for the purpose of retailing spirituous liquors by the landlord or proprietor of such hotel from the provisions of this act.

Proviso.

License shall expire.

Fractional licenses.

Unexpired licenses.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all licences granted under the provisions of this act shall expire on the first day of May next ensuing the granting thereof.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That any person or persons, body or bodies corporate commencing any business, requiring a license under the provisions of this act at any time of the year, shall be entitled to, and may obtain a license or licenses from the clerk of the circuit court of his county, or from the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore, as the case may be, on paying therefor a rateable allowance.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all persons having heretofore obtained a license from this State to use and carry on any of the several branches of business in this act mentioned, which license shall