

*such process or pleadings on the Secretary of State shall be taken and held in all courts to be as valid and binding as if due service had been made upon said applicant in the State of Maryland, said instrument containing such consent shall be authenticated by the seal thereof, if a corporation, or by the acknowledged signature of a member or officer thereof, if otherwise. All such applications, except from individuals, shall be accompanied by the duly certified copy of the resolution of the proper officers or managing board, authorizing the proper officer to execute the same. In case such processes or pleadings are served upon the Secretary of State, duplicate copies shall be filed, one of which shall be filed with the Secretary of State and the other immediately forwarded by registered mail to the main office of the applicant against whom or to which such processes or pleadings are directed.*

*(d) The business of each firm, association or corporation licensed hereunder shall be operated under the direction, control, charge or management in this State of an individual licensee. Whenever such individual licensee directing, controlling, in charge of or managing the business of a firm, association, or corporation licensed hereunder shall for any reason terminate his direction, control, charge or management of such licensee (whether by reason of death or otherwise), the business of such licensee may be continued licensed hereunder for a period of six months at the end of which period such firm, association or corporation's license shall be revoked unless another licensee shall have assumed the direction, control, charge or management of such firm, association, or corporation.*

*(e) The Superintendent shall, under no circumstances, MAY REFUSE TO issue a license to any person, firm, association or corporation for a period of five years following the date of finality of a finding under Section 90 of this subtitle, by the Superintendent that such person, firm, association or corporation has willfully:*

*(1) Engaged in the private detective business or as a private detective or investigator or advertised his or its business to be a private detective business or that of a detective agency or investigator within the State without having first obtained from the Superintendent a license to conduct such business, as herein provided; or*

*(2) Made a false statement or a misrepresentation in the course of application for any license provided for in this subtitle; or*

*(3) Made a false statement or misrepresentation that any person is or has been in his employ; or*

*(4) Made a false statement or misrepresentation in the course of filing any report or certification required under this subtitle to be filed with the Superintendent.*

**77. Application for license; contents; approvals of reputable citizens; signing and verification.**

Any person, firm, association or corporation desiring to conduct a private detective business or the business of a private detective or investigator, shall for each bureau or agency, subagency, office and branch office to be owned, conducted, managed or maintained by such person, firm, association or corporation for the conduct of such business, file in the office of the Superintendent a written application duly signed and verified, accompanied, in the case of an appli-