

land (1967 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Procedure for Issue of Licenses," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) General procedure.—Before the board of license commissioners for Baltimore City or any county shall approve any license, the said board shall cause a notice of such application to be published two times in two successive weeks, in three newspapers of general circulation in Baltimore City, if the applicant proposes to do business in said city, and if the applicant proposes to do business in any of the counties, in the two newspapers of general circulation in said county where two newspapers are published, and if not, then in one newspaper having a general circulation in said county; the said notice shall specify the name of the applicant, the kind of license applied for, and the location of the place of business proposed to be licensed, and the time and place fixed by the board for hearing upon the application which shall be not less than seven, nor more than thirty days after the last publication. At the time fixed by the notice for hearing upon the application or upon any postponement of such time, any person shall be heard on either side of the question. If the board of license commissioners for said city or any county determines that the granting of the license is not necessary for the accommodation of the public or that the applicant is not a fit person to receive the license applied for, or has made a material false statement in his application, or has practiced fraud in connection with said application, or that the operation of the business, if the license is granted, will unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is to be located, or that there are other reasons, in the discretion of the board, why the license should not be issued, then the application shall be disapproved and the license applied for shall be refused. If no such finds (findings) are made by the board, then the application shall be approved and the said board shall issue its certificate of approval for presentation to the clerk of the court of the county in which the place of business is to be located, or to the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in Baltimore City, as the case may be, and the said clerk shall issue the license applied for upon presentation of said certificate, and the payment of the fee required, except that, in Prince George's County, such certificate of approval shall not be presented to nor payment made to the clerk of the court, rather, if no such findings are made by the board, then the application shall be approved and the said board shall issue the license applied for, after payment of the required fee to the treasurer of Prince George's County, provided that said board shall maintain a record of licenses issued. *In addition, in Baltimore City, no such license shall be issued by the clerk of the Court of Common Pleas unless and until there is presented to him a certificate, issued by the Bureau of Assessments, showing that there are no unpaid taxes on the merchandise, fixtures and stock of the applicant due to the City of Baltimore or the State of Maryland.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That new subsection (j) be and it is hereby added to Section 68 of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Renewal of Licenses," to read as follows: