

application no indebtedness or other financial obligations and will not thereafter incur any such indebtedness or other financial obligation, directly or indirectly, to any manufacturer, brewer, distiller or wholesaler other than for the purchase of alcoholic beverages;

(16) A statement that the applicant will, if granted a license, conform to all laws and regulations relating to the business in which the applicant proposes to engage;

(17) A statement duly executed and acknowledged by the owner of the premises in which the business is to be conducted assenting to the granting of the license applied for, and authorizing the Comptroller, his duly authorized deputies, inspectors and clerks, the board of [licensed] license commissioners of the county or city in which the place of business is located, its duly authorized agents and employees, any peace officer of such city or county, and any peace officer of any incorporated municipality in which the business is to be conducted, to inspect and search, without warrant the premises upon which the business is to be conducted, and any and all parts of the building in which said business is to be conducted, at any and all hours; except that in Montgomery County, no such statement and acknowledgment are required where the applicant for a license is the lessee of the entire building in which the business is to be conducted for the entire term of the license to be issued;

(18) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who shall be owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, setting forth the length of time each has been acquainted with the applicant, or in the case of a corporation with the individuals making the application; that they have examined the application of the applicant and that they have good reason to believe that all the statements contained in said application are true, and that they are of the opinion that the applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license. The certificate must have a statement that the signers thereof are familiar with the premises upon which the proposed business is to be conducted, and that they believe the premises are suitable for the conduct of the business of a retail dealer in alcoholic beverages. Provided further, however, that this subsection or part (18) shall not be applicable to applications filed in Prince George's County.

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(b) (2) This subsection shall be applicable and have effect in Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester (except as otherwise provided herein) counties, provided that it shall not apply to or affect special Class C licenses issued under the provisions of this article, nor shall it apply to special Class C licenses issued in Washington County for temporary use. Nothing in this section shall require the holder of any Class A (off-sale) beer license in Washington County to close his place of business on Sunday provided such licensee shall close that part of his place of business from which beer is sold. Nothing in this section shall apply to *any* Class C beer, wine and liquor license (on-sale) club in Kent County under which it shall be lawful to keep for sale and sell in Kent County for consumption on the licensed premises alcoholic beverages on Sunday between the hours of 2:00 o'clock p.m. and midnight. Nothing in this section shall apply to