

CHAPTER 696
(House Bill 319)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 56(18) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement) title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Application for License," to remove the requirement in Montgomery County that an application for a liquor license includes ten signatures of land owners and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 56(18) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Alcoholic Beverages," subtitle "Application for License," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

56.

(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. IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, PERSONS OWNING REAL ESTATE WITHIN A FIVE (5) MILE RADIUS OF THE PREMISES FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS SOUGHT SHALL BE AMONG THOSE PERSONS SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE. Provided further, however, that ~~[this]~~ *part 18* of this ~~subsection~~ SECTION ~~or part 18~~ shall not be applicable to applications filed in Prince George's County~~].~~ *and Montgomery County.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1970.

Approved May 21, 1970.

CHAPTER 697
(House Bill 351)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 13(1) of Article 73B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Pensions," subtitle "In General," to require the investment of a certain percentage of State Retirement Funds in home mortgages and deeds of trust, setting a