

CHAPTER 12

(BILL NO. 34-70)

AN ACT to amend Chapter 102, title "Solicitors" of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, by repealing and re-enacting, with amendments, Section 102-5, title "License—Fee; Insurance; Contents," to authorize the County Executive to change the application fee for solicitors' licenses to an amount not to exceed the reasonable cost of licensing and enforcing the Code provisions relating to solicitors.

Be It Enacted by the County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, that—

SEC. 1. Section 102-5, Chapter 102, title "Solicitors," of the Montgomery County Code 1965, as amended, is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

102-5. License—Fee; Insurance; Contents.

A fee of five dollars to cover the cost of investigation of the applicant for a license under this Chapter and processing of the application shall be paid to the County when the application is filed, and shall not be returnable under any circumstances. The County Executive may from time to time change such fee to an amount not to exceed the reasonable costs of licensing and enforcement under this Chapter. Unless, after investigation, the Director shall find that the applicant has not complied with this Chapter or is not of good moral character, he shall issue a license upon the posting of the aforementioned bond which shall show the name and address of the solicitor and the date of issuance and expiration of the license, and one of the photographs submitted by the solicitor shall be attached to the license. No license shall be issued to any holder of a license previously issued under this Chapter within one year of a revocation. In determining good moral character, the reputation of the applicant, his criminal record, if any, and license history in this or other jurisdictions shall be considered. Emphasis in reaching a decision on moral character shall be given to any convictions for crimes of violence, sex offenses, violations of the gaming, narcotic, alcoholic beverage laws, and fraud. No person shall be denied a license solely on the grounds of previous convictions or penal servitude, if in fact, his record, conduct and habits for a period of three years after conviction or release from penal servitude, whichever is later, shall indicate that he is a proper person to be licensed under the standards of this Chapter.

SEC. 2. Effective date.

This Act shall take effect on December 7, 1970.