

FOR the purpose of modifying the restrictions on persons signing the certificate supporting an application for certain licenses in Baltimore County; restructuring; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
Section 56(18)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1976 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

56.

Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, every new application for a license shall be made to the board of license commissioners or the clerks of court upon forms prescribed by the Comptroller and sworn to by the applicant. Every application for a license shall contain the following statements:

(18) (A) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, [setting forth] STATING 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 this 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 of it 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 and alcoholic beverages.

(B) IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, PERSONS WHO ARE OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE AND REGISTERED VOTERS OF BALTIMORE COUNTY AND WHO RESIDE WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE PREMISES FOR WHICH A LICENSE IS SOUGHT SHALL BE AMONG THOSE PERSONS SIGNING THE CERTIFICATE.

(C) In St. Mary's County, persons owning real estate within [a five-mile radius] 5 MILES of the premises for which a license is sought shall be among those persons signing the certificate.