

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)] (I) 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, 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)] (II) 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 those persons signing the certificate.

[(c)] (III) In St. Mary's County, persons owning real estate within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought shall be among those persons signing the certificate.

[(d)] (IV) This certificate is not necessary for applications filed in Prince George's County, Montgomery County and Anne Arundel County.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

Approved May 2, 1988.

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