

HOUSE BILL 328

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2015

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Applications for Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting a certain application for an alcoholic beverages license in
4 Harford County from a requirement for a certain certificate signed by a certain
5 number of citizens who are owners of real estate and registered voters of the precinct
6 in which the business is to be conducted; and generally relating to applications for
7 alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages
10 Section 10–103(b)(18)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2011 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article 2B – Alcoholic Beverages**

16 10–103.

17 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, every new application for a
18 license shall be made to the Board of License Commissioners on forms prescribed by the
19 Comptroller and sworn to by the applicant. Every application for a license shall contain the
20 following:

21 (18) (i) A certificate signed by at least ten citizens who are owners of real
22 estate and registered voters of the precinct in which the business is to be conducted, stating
23 the length of time each has been acquainted with the applicant, or in the case of a
24 corporation with the individuals making the application; that they have examined the
25 application of the applicant and that they have good reason to believe that all the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 statements contained in this application are true, and that they are of the opinion that the
2 applicant is a suitable person to obtain the license. The certificate must have a statement
3 that the signers of it are familiar with the premises upon which the proposed business is to
4 be conducted, and that they believe the premises are suitable for the conduct of the business
5 of a retail dealer in alcoholic beverages.

6 (ii) In St. Mary's County, persons who are owners of real estate
7 within 5 miles of the premises for which a license is sought and registered voters of St.
8 Mary's County shall be those persons signing the certificate.

9 (iii) The certificate required by subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is
10 not necessary for applications filed in Dorchester County, Prince George's County,
11 Montgomery County, Anne Arundel County, [and] Baltimore County, **AND HARFORD**
12 **COUNTY.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
14 1, 2015.