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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning 2 Queen Anne's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Residency Requirement 3 FOR the purpose of removing the requirement that a certain applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Queen Anne's County be a resident of Queen Anne's County; 4 5 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne's County. 6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, 7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages 8 Section 4–109(a) and 27–102 9 Annotated Code of Maryland 10 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement) 11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, 12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages Section 27–1401(c) and 27–1402 13 14 Annotated Code of Maryland 15 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement) SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 17 Article - Alcoholic Beverages 18 4-109.19 20 (a) A license application shall state: 21(1) the class of license for which the applicant is applying; 22 (2)the name and address of the applicant and how long the applicant has

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

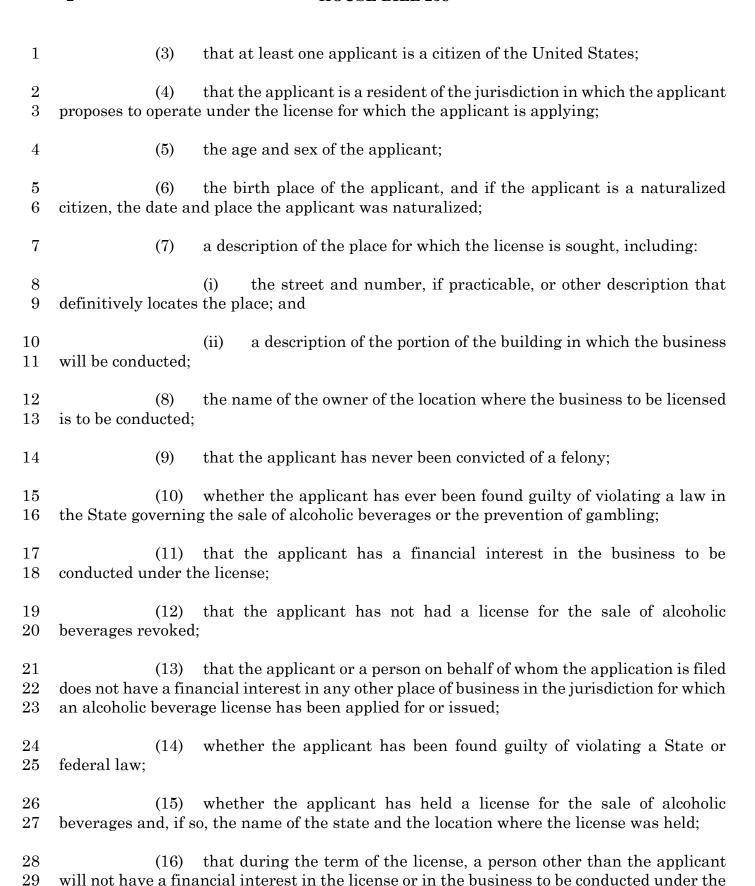
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resided at that address:



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license:



- 1 (17) that a manufacturer, brewer, distiller, or wholesaler, directly or 2 indirectly, does not have a financial interest in the premises or business of the applicant;
- 3 (18) that after receipt of a license, the applicant will not convey or grant an 4 interest in the location or business to a manufacturer, brewer, distiller, or wholesaler, 5 except as authorized under this article;
- 6 (19) that, except for the purchase of alcoholic beverages, when applying for 7 the license, the applicant does not have indebtedness or other financial obligation to a 8 manufacturer, brewer, distiller, or wholesaler;
- 9 (20) that after the license is issued, the applicant will not incur, directly or indirectly, indebtedness or other financial obligation other than for the purchase of alcoholic beverages to a manufacturer, brewer, distiller, or wholesaler; and
- 12 (21) that, if issued a license, the applicant will conform to all laws and 13 regulations relating to the business in which the applicant proposes to engage.
- 14 27–102.
- This title applies only in Queen Anne's County.
- 16 27–1401.
- 17 (c) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 1 ("Applications for Local Licenses")
  18 of Division I of this article apply in the county:
- 19 (1) § 4–103 ("Application on behalf of partnership"), subject to § 27–1402 of 20 this subtitle;
- 21 (2) § 4–104 ("Application on behalf of corporation or club"), subject to § 22 27–1403 of this subtitle;
- 23 (3)  $\S$  4–105 ("Application on behalf of limited liability company"), subject to  $\S$  27–1403 of this subtitle; and
- 25 (4) § 4–109 ("Required information on application In general"), subject 26 to [§ 27–1404] §§ 27–1402 AND 27–1404 of this subtitle.
- 27 27-1402.
- An applicant [on behalf of a partnership may not be issued a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license unless the owners of 75% of the interest in the partnership are residents of
- 30 the county at the time the application is filed FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE
- 31 NEED NOT BE A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 2  $\,$  1, 2023.