License for Liquor, How to Procure. Liquor License, How Procured. Saloon, License for, How Obtained in Country Districts.

Section 2 and 4, Chapter 87, Laws of 1915, relating to liquor license, construed.

September 11th, 1916.

Hon. Wm. C. Armstrong, County Attorney, Terry, Montana.

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your recent letter, requesting an opinion as to the construction to be given Section 4, Chapter 87, Laws of 1915, in view of the provisions of Section 2 of the same Chapter, you are advised that Section 2 operates as an absolute prohibition against the granting of any liquor license at the places and in the territory outlined in the Section. Hence, the procedure to procure a license as outlined in Section 4 may be invoked only in cases where there is the necessary population of fifty or more inhabitants who are bona fide residents for at least six months within a radius of one-quarter mile of the location of the license; or, in the case of a regularly operated hotel having twenty or more sleeping rooms.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General.