

*At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the Sixth Day of June, 1770, in the Tenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and there continued by several Prorogations until the Twelfth day of October, 1773, in the Thirteenth Year of His said Majesty's Reign, being the Fifth General-Assembly convened in the said Province.*

13 George III – Chapter 6 (Session 2)

**An Act for altering and continuing the several Acts, relating to the Duty on licensed Houses.**

Whereas many inconveniences have arisen in several places in this province, from the present method of granting licenses for retailing liquors; for remedy whereof,

I. Be it enacted, by the Governor, council and assembly, that from and after the thirty first day of December of this present year, one thousand seven hundred and seventy three, three or more justices of the peace in their sessions in each and every county or district in this province (the township of Halifax excepted) shall and may appoint a clerk of the licenses for such county or district who shall use, exercise and enjoy, the several powers, authorities and emoluments, granted to the clerk of the licenses by the act made in the eighth year of his present Majesty, intituled, "an Act for suppressing unlicensed houses, and for granting to His Majesty a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed," and not altered by this act. And all persons purposing to take out licenses for selling spirituous liquors, shall apply to the justices in their said sessions in the county or district where they reside, who are hereby authorised and empowered to grant the same, previous whereto every person so to be licensed, shall first give bond to the clerk of the sessions in the sum of twenty pounds, that he, she or they shall well and truly comply with, and yield obedience to the laws of this province already made or to be hereafter made, in relation to persons licensed to sell liquors, and shall keep and maintain good order in the said tavern or house of publick entertainment, and shall not suffer the using any unlawful games therein, and shall duly pay into the hands of the clerk of the licenses, his, her, and their quarterly payment within ten days after such payment shall become due as aforesaid, and the clerk of the sessions where such licenses shall be granted, shall receive for his fees from each person so licensed five shillings, and no more.

II. And be it enacted, that it shall be in the power of the said justices in their sessions as aforesaid, to grant licenses gratis, to persons keeping houses of entertainment on the publick roads, distant from any town or settlement, for the accommodation of travellers.

III. And be it also enacted, that the justices of the peace in each county or district (the county of Halifax excepted) shall at the commencement of this act hold a special sessions for the purpose of granting licenses to such persons as shall apply, and by them be thought proper persons to hold the same.

IV. and be it also further enacted, that all licenses granted before the commencement of this act, shall continue and be in force, until the thirty first day of December next, and no longer; and if any person or persons shall neglect or refuse to pay to the clerks of the licenses the money due by him, her or them, in virtue of this, or any former act, the same shall and may be recover'd upon complaint of the said clerks, by bill plaint or information, in any of his Majesty's courts of record in this province, if above the sum of three pounds, or before any one of His Majesty's justices of the peace, if the sum due be three pounds or under.

V. And be it enacted, that the money arising from the duty on licenses at Lunenburg, and all fines incurred there, shall be laid out in making, opening and repairing the roads within said township, under the direction of such persons as shall be appointed by the Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, or Commander in Chief of this province.

VI. And be it also enacted, that an act made in the eighth year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An act for suppressing unlicensed houses, and for granting to his Majesty a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed;" and "An Act made in the eleventh year of the reign of his said Majesty, for altering and continuing the said act," together with the alterations thereto made by this act, shall be, and continue, the same are hereby continued in force until the thirty first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and seventy five.