

*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 Sixth Day of October, 1774, in the Fourteenth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, being the Second Session of the Fifth General Assembly convened in the said Province.*

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**An Act in Amendment of, and in Addition to the several Acts, relating to the Duty on licensed Houses, and for further continuing the same.**

Whereas the present high duty payable for licenses to keep houses of public entertainment, and retail liquors, in the several counties and districts of this province (distant from Halifax) prevents many persons who live in remote places and have but little custom, from taking out licenses, and that it is thought if the same was lessened the revenue arising from said duty would be much increased as a greater number of people would take out licenses.

I. Be it enacted by the Governor, council and assembly, that from and after the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy five, there shall be paid by every person who shall have taken out license, or shall take out a license to retail wine, beer, ale, cider, or perry, rum or other distilled spirituous liquors, in the several counties, towns and districts of this province (the township of Halifax excepted) the sum of forty shillings per annum, which payment shall be made in manner as is directed by the act made in the fourteenth year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for altering and continuing the several acts relating to the duty on licensed houses."

And whereas it will greatly contribute to the ease and benefit of travellers, and the encouragement of persons who are, or shall be licensed by the general sessions of the peace in the several counties or districts, in this province, to keep ferries, that the persons keeping such ferries should be allowed to keep a house of public entertainment for travellers, at the place where such ferry shall be established, without being liable to pay the duty directed to be paid by retailers of liquors, or of incurring the penalty for selling without license.

II. Be it enacted, that the justices of the peace in their general or special sessions, shall and may grant licenses for keeping houses of entertainment free of duty, to such persons whom they shall think proper to appoint, & license as aforesaid, to keep ferries.

III. Provided nevertheless, that such persons so having license, shall give bond in manner prescribed by law, for the keeping good order in such their houses, for which bond and license, they shall pay to the clerk of the licenses for such county town or district the usual fee of five shillings.

IV. And be it also enacted, that an act made in the eight year of his present Majesty's reign, intituled, "An Act for suppressing unlicensed houses, and 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 & continuing the said act," together with the alterations made thereto by another act made last session of the general assembly, and the amendment and addition made to the same by this act shall be and continue, and the same are hereby continued in force until the thirty first day of December, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.