

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on Wednesday the first day of July, 1761, and in the first year of His Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several prorogations until the 19th day of October, 1763, in the Third Year of His Majesty's Reign.

3 George III – Chapter 11 (Session 2)

An Act For Laying a Duty on Billiard Tables, and Shuffle Boards.

In order to prevent the increase of billiard tables, and shuffle boards within the Province; We do hereby grant unto His Most Excellent Majesty, his heirs, and successors, for the duty hereinafter mention'd, to be applied towards defraying the expences of opening, and repairing the roads within this Province.

Be it therefore enacted, by the Lieutenant Governor, Council, and Assembly, that after ten days from the publication of this Act, no person or persons shall presume to set up, or keep any billiard table, or shuffle board within this Province; unless a licence for that purpose be first obtain'd from the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief for the time being; which licence shall be renewed from year to year.

And be it further enacted, that every person licensed as aforesaid, to keep a billiard table, or shuffle board, shall pay into the hands of the clerk of the licences, the sum of ten pounds per annum, to be collected and paid in quarterly, three months in advance; and if they shall refuse or neglect to pay the same as aforesaid, within fourteen days after the said quarterly payment shall become due, upon complaint thereof by the clerk of the licences, to any two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the same shall be levied by Warrant of Distress and sale of the delinquents goods and chattels.

And be it also further enacted, that if any person shall presume to set up or keep any billiard table, or shuffle board as aforesaid, without having first obtain'd a licence for that purpose, such person shall forfeit, and pay the sum of twenty pounds, to be recovered by bill, plaint, or information, upon the oath of one credible witness, in any of His Majesty's Courts of Record within this Province; One moiety to be for the use of His Majesty, to be applied for the purposes aforesaid, and the other moiety to the informer, or prosecutor thereof.

And be it enacted, that this Act shall continue and remain in full force, for and during the space of two years, from and after the publication hereof; and until the end of the first session of the General Assembly, then next following.

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