

At the General Assembly of the Province of Nova Scotia, begun and holden at Halifax, on the fifth day of December 1785, in the Twenty Sixth Year of his said Majesty's Reign, and there continued by several Prorogations unto the Fifth Day of March, 1789, in the Twenty Ninth Year of his Majesty's Reign, being the Fourth Session of the Sixth General Assembly convened in the said Province.

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An Act for continuing and amending the several Acts for suppressing unlicensed Houses, and for granting to His Majesty a Duty on Persons hereafter to be licensed.

Whereas it is expedient that some alteration in the duty on licensed houses as well as the manner in which licenses have been heretofore granted should be made.

I. Be it therefore enacted by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Assembly, that all persons selling rum, brandy, wine, ale, cyder or other strong liquors, mixed or unmixed, shall in one month from and after the publication hereof, apply for and take out a new licence in the manner prescribed in the several acts continued and amended by this Act. Provided always, that such licence shall not be granted to the person applying for the same, until he, she or they shall pay down, and advance one quarter part of the yearly duty to be paid for such licence.

II. And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons whatsoever, shall sell or vend any of the before mentioned strong liquors mixed or unmixed, before he, she or they shall have taken out a new licence, as before directed, or shall omit for ten days after the end of each quarter of a year, to pay to the collector or clerk of the licences the said quarter part of the said yearly duty in advance, such person or persons selling strong liquors without licence, as prescribed in the said several acts hereby amended and continued.

III. And be it further enacted, that in one month from and after the publication hereof, all persons who shall have a tavern licence to retail rum, brandy, wine, ale, cyder [cider], or other strong liquors, shall pay to the clerk or the collector of licences for the district or county, wherein such person shall dwell, the full sum of six pounds yearly, the same to be paid quarterly three months in advance, under the penalty before mentioned; and every person who shall keep a shop for selling goods, wares and merchandize, and shall take out a licence to sell rum, brandy, wine, ale, cyder and other strong liquors, shall pay the sum of three pounds for such licence yearly, and every year, the same to be paid in quarterly payments, one quarter in advance under the penalties aforesaid. Provided always, that if such person so taking out a shop licence shall sell or vend any quantity of rum, brandy, wine, ale, cyder or other strong liquors, less than one quart, or shall on any account permit or suffer the same to be drunk or consumed in his or their shop or house, such person or persons so offending shall suffer all the penalties, which persons selling strong liquors of any kind without licence are liable to suffer by virtue of the several Acts hereby amended and continued.

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IV. And for the better providing for the entertainment of persons travelling through the province, be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the justices in their sessions to grant tavern licence to any number, not exceeding five persons, within their county or district, for which licence, such person or persons shall pay the sum of forty shillings only for each and every year, to be paid and collected as aforesaid, and it shall and may be lawful for the said justices in their sessions to take such free licences from the persons to whom they may grant them, and to grant the same from time to time to others, as they shall see fit. Provided the number thereof shall not exceed ten in any one county or district.

V. And be it further enacted, that the clerk of licenses or collector of each county or district, shall take and receive for a licence, bond, and all charges in, and about the taking out of a licence, the sum of two shillings and six pence only, and shall receive a commission of seven and a half per centum on all monies which he shall collect and pay.

VI. And be it further enacted, that the said Act for suppressing unlicensed houses, and for granting to His Majesty a duty on persons hereafter to be licensed, and the several Acts in addition to or amendment or alteration thereof, which have not been amended or altered by this Act, shall be continued in full force, and the same together with this Act are hereby continued in full force, until the thirty first day of March, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety.