

If any licensed innholder or retailer shall die or remove from a licensed house before the year is expired, Justices of the Court of Sessions empowered, &c.

and the widow of the deceased, if such there be, or children, or other representative, shall desire to exercise said employment, in such licensed house, the remainder of the year; and where any licensed innholder or retailer shall remove from a licensed house, and the purchaser or occupier of such house shall petition to be licensed, to be an innholder or retailer in the same house for the remainder of the year; in every such case, it shall be lawful, and the Justices of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace are hereby empowered, at any of the terms appointed by law, for holding the same in such county; and any two Justices of the Peace, *quorum unus*, are also empowered to grant licenses to such person or petitioner applying therefor, the remainder of the year. *Provided*, such person be suitably qualified therefor, and recommended in manner as the law directs.

And the better to prevent intemperance, and nurseries of vice and debauchery;

Justices directed not to license more persons than are necessary for the public good.

SECT. 15. *Be it further enacted*, That the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace, in each county, be and they are hereby directed, not to license more persons in any town or district to keep houses for common entertainment, or to retail spirituous liquors, as aforesaid, than the Justices shall judge necessary for the receiving and refreshment of travellers and strangers, and to serve the public occasions of such town or district, or are necessary for the public good: And all public houses shall be on or near the high streets, roads, and places of great resort.

Selectmen shall cause the names of common drunkards, &c. to be posted up in the houses of taverners and other licensed houses.

SECT. 16. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That the Selectmen in each town shall cause to be posted up in the houses and shops of all taverners, innholders and retailers, as aforesaid, within such towns or districts, a list of the names of all persons reputed common drunkards, or common tipplers, or common gamesters, mispending their time and estate in such houses. And every keeper of such house or shop, after notice given him, as aforesaid, that shall be convicted before one or more Justices of the Peace, of entertaining or suffering any of the persons in such list, to drink or tittle, or game, in his or her house, or any of the dependencies thereof, or of selling them spirituous liquor, as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay the sum of *Thirty Shillings*.

Selectmen shall forbid licensed persons to sell spirituous liquors to excessive drinkers, idlers and mispenders of time.

SECT. 17. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That whenever any person shall, by idleness, or excessive drinking of spirituous liquors, so mispend, waste, or lessen his or her estate, as thereby either to expose himself or herself, his or her family to want or indigent circumstances, or the town to which he or she belongs, to a charge or expense for the maintenance or support of him or her, or his or her family, or shall so indulge himself or herself in the use of spirituous liquors, as thereby greatly to injure his or her health, or endanger