

CHAPTER CLXXVI.

AN ACT

To suppress tippling houses within the city and county of Philadelphia.

SECT. 1. *BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That from and after the first day of August next, if any person or persons shall sell or retail, within the city and county of Philadelphia, less than one pint of rum, wine, brandy or other spirits, to be delivered at one time, and to one person, without having first obtained license agreeably to law for that purpose, he, she or they shall forfeit and pay, on conviction before any court having competent jurisdiction, for the first offence, the penalty of fifty dollars, or if unable to pay such penalty, in lieu thereof to be committed to the penitentiary of said city and county of Philadelphia, to be kept at hard labor for two months; for the second and every subsequent offence the penalty of one hundred dollars, or if unable to pay such penalty, in lieu thereof to be committed to the penitentiary of said city and county, to be kept at hard labor for three months.

Penalty on persons keeping a tippling house.

May be put to hard labor.

Fines how appropriated

SECT. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid;* That in every instance of conviction under this law, one half the fine or penalty shall inure to the informer, and the other half to the guardians of the poor for the township or district where such offence shall occur, to be recovered with costs of suit.

Part of former act repealed.

SECT. 3. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the twenty-third section of the act of Assembly of this Commonwealth, passed the nineteenth day of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-three, entitled "An addition and supplement to an act, entitled 'An act for amending and continuing an act, entitled An act for the support of the government of this province, making the excise on wine, rum, brandy and other spirits, more equal, and preventing frauds in collecting and paying the said excise,'" so far as respects the operation of said law within the city and county of Philadelphia, shall, from and after the first day of August next, be repealed.

REES HILL, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

ISAAC WEAVER,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

SIMON SNYDER.