

**SEC. 3.** *And be it enacted,* That if any person or persons, house, company, association or body corporate, shall sell, directly or indirectly, at any place, or give away at his, her, their or its place of business, any spirituous or fermented liquors, or alcoholic bit-  
 ters, or intoxicating drinks of any kind (cider ex-  
 cepted) within the limits of Cecil county, on or after  
 the first day of May, in the year eighteen hundred  
 and eighty-one, he, she or they shall, on conviction  
 thereof, forfeit and pay on the first conviction a fine  
 of not less than fifty dollars nor more than three  
 hundred dollars, and costs of prosecution; or instead  
 of such fine, imprisonment in the county jail for  
 thirty days, or both, in the discretion of the court;  
 and on the second and every subsequent conviction  
 not less than two hundred nor more than five hun-  
 dred dollars; or instead of such fine, imprisonment  
 in the county jail for sixty days, or both, in the dis-  
 cretion of the court; and on failure to pay the fine,  
 as herein described, he, she or they shall be com-  
 mitted to the county jail of Cecil county until such  
 fine and the costs are paid; one-half of the fine im-  
 posed for any violation of this act shall go to the  
 informer, and the residue to the board of county  
 school commissioners of said county, for the benefit  
 of the public schools therein.

Penalty for  
 violation.

Commit to  
 jail.

**SEC. 4.** *And be it enacted,* That nothing herein  
 contained shall be construed to prevent the com-  
 pounding or sale of any such liquors by a pharma-  
 cist or druggist who may or shall have obtained li-  
 cense therefor under the license laws of the State,  
 upon the written bona fide prescription of a regular  
 practising physician of Cecil county, whose name  
 shall be signed thereto; and all such prescriptions  
 shall be filed and kept by such pharmacist or drug-  
 gist, and no prescription shall serve for more than  
 one purchase; but no physician shall make or sign  
 any such prescription unless the person for whom it  
 is made is actually sick, or such liquor is absolutely  
 required as a medicine. Any physician who shall,  
 after said first day of May, eighteen hundred and  
 eighty-one, make or sign any prescription for such  
 liquor, except as aforesaid, shall be deemed guilty  
 of a violation of this act, and upon conviction there-  
 of shall be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more

How con-  
 strued.

Liquor as  
 medicine.