

CHA P. 571.  
Repeal.

seventeen of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Prince George's County," sub-title "Liquor and Intoxicating Drinks," and an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland amendatory thereto, approved April eight, eighteen hundred and ninety, be and the same are hereby repealed so far as they are applicable to the districts of Bladensburg and Hyattsville in said county, and thereupon re-enacted, so as to read as follows :

Unlawful to  
sell liquors,  
etc., except  
upon certain  
terms.

253. No spirituous or fermented liquors or alcoholic bitters or lager beer shall be sold in any election district of said county except as provided for by section two hundred and fifty-two, and also upon the following terms: That in the districts of Hyattsville and Bladensburg in said county each and every applicant, person, house, corporation, company or association shall be recommended to said clerk by at least eight freeholders of record, who shall go before some justice of the peace of Prince George's county and make oath that they live within one mile of the place at which such business is to be carried on, as a fit person to traffic in the article; and provided that no petitioner shall be counted by the clerk as having the right to sign more than two petitions or applications to sell liquor in said districts, and in no event shall any person sell such article on the Sabbath day, commonly called Sunday, nor to any minor, and for violation of this section such person, natural or artificial, shall forfeit and pay on conviction a fine of not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars and costs of prosecution, or instead of such fine shall be imprisoned in the county jail for thirty days, or both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the Court; and upon the conviction the license to the person convicted is hereby forfeit and forfeited, and upon the second conviction of any offense under this section the license to the place or premises is forfeited, and no license shall be renewed for such place of business or premises for the period of two years, and if there be an informer under this section, he shall not have one-half of any fines imposed for violation of this section, nor any part of any fines so imposed, but the half which would otherwise go to the informer shall go to the school fund of Prince George's county; provided, that nothing in this section shall be taken as applying to the tenth district of said county, nor to any other district of said county than the districts of Hyattsville and Bladensburg, nor shall anything in this section be construed to permit the granting of license for the sale of liquor in the town corporation of Hyattsville.

Duty of clerk  
of Court.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Court before he issues a license under this law to clearly and certainly ascertain from the records in his office that each and