

**Chapter 169.**

AN ACT to amend an act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed at its January session, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter four hundred and fifty-three, entitled "An act to enable the qualified voters of Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot counties to determine, by ballot, whether spirituous or fermented liquors shall be sold in said counties, or in any election district thereof, or a license granted for the same, by adding two additional sections thereto, to be numbered section five and six, to enlarge and extend the provisions of said act so far as the same relates to the fourth election district of Queen Anne's county.

## Preamble.

WHEREAS the act of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, chapter four hundred and fifty-three, of the General Assembly of Maryland, was, at an election held in pursuance thereof, adopted by a majority of the legal voters of the fourth election district of Queen Anne's county, and by said vote and the proclamation of the judges of the circuit court for Queen Anne's county, as provided in section one of said act, became a law for said fourth election district of Queen Anne's county; and whereas, under the construction placed by said court, intoxicating or alcoholic bitters have been adjudged and determined not to be embraced in the letter of said act contrary to its spirit and intention, and the sale of intoxicating and alcoholic bitters has been continued contrary to the wishes of a majority of the voters of said district, and to the great disturbance of the peace, quiet and order of said district; and whereas petitions have been addressed to the general assembly for an amendatory act to remedy the grievances complained of growing out of the defect in the terms used in said act; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That said act of the General