spirits are stored and of every person or corporation having custody of such spirits to make report to the State Tax Commission on or before the first day of March in each and every year of all the distilled spirits on hand as of the first day of January preceding, and the tax for the ensuing year from the said first day of January shall be levied and paid on the amount of distilled spirits so in hand as representing the taxable distilled spirits for such year; provided, however, that the same distilled spirits shall not be taxed twice for the same year.

The said State Tax Commission upon receiving said report shall, within thirty days thereafter, due notice of the time and place having been given by them, grant unto the said distiller, owner, proprietor or custodian a hearing on the question as to what value shall be placed on the distilled spirits so reported, and thereupon, within ten days after such hearing, the said State Tax Commission shall fix the value of such distilled spirits for the purpose of taxation under this sub-title, and whenever the spirits are distilled by persons doing business as a corporate body and having shares of capital stock, the valuation by the State Tax Commission shall be upon the spirits as personal property without reference to its capital stock, which shall be treated as distinct from said distilled spirits as reported. and the such valuation put upon said stock as not to produce double taxation; and the said State Tax Commission shall without delay, transmit and certify the said valuation by mail to the Comptroller of the Treasury, and also to the Appeal Tax Court of Baltimore City and the Board of County Commissioners in the counties where the distilleries are situated, and all distilled spirits upon the valuation and return so made shall be subject to State, municipal and county taxation as all other personal property located within the bounds of the State, city or county. Immediately upon receipt of the certification of the valuation of such distilled spirits by the Comparoller of the Treasury it shall be his duty to collect from each distiller the amount of State taxes due thereon, which taxes shall be collected by him and payable to the State Treasurer as is now or may hereafter be prescribed for the payment of taxes by corporations of this State.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1st, 1918.

Approved April 10th, 1918.