

CHAP. CLXXXIV.

CHAP. 184.

An Act laying duties on Licenses to Retailers of Dry Goods, and for other purposes.

1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That every person who shall deal in the selling of any goods, wares or merchandize, except such as are of the growth, produce, or manufacture of the United States, and except such as are sold by the importer thereof in the original cask, case, box or package, wherein the same shall have been imported, shall be deemed to be, and hereby is declared to be, a retail dealer in merchandize within the meaning of this act.*

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What person shall be declared a retail dealer in merchandize

2. *And be it enacted, That every person who, on the first day of August next, shall be a retail dealer as above described or defined, shall, before the said day, and every person who after the said day shall become, or intend to become such retail dealer as aforesaid, shall, before he shall begin to sell by retail as aforesaid, any merchandize, apply for and obtain from the clerk of the county in which such person resides, a licence for carrying on the business of selling by retail as aforesaid, which license shall be granted for the term of one year, upon the payment of the duty of eight dollars for such license, and shall be renewed yearly upon the payment of the like sum; and if any person shall, after the said day, deal in the selling of merchandize by retail as above described and defined, without having a license therefor as aforesaid, continuing in force, such person shall, in addition to the payment of the duty, forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment, one half for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of the state, and no such license shall be sufficient for the selling of merchandize by retail at more than one place at the same time.*

To obtain from clerk of county a license for one year, &c

3. *And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the treasurers of the respective shores, under the direction of the governor and council, to furnish the clerks of the several counties within this state, with blank licenses, which licenses shall be signed by the treasurer of the shore where such retail dealers in merchandize reside, and being countersigned by the clerk who shall issue the same, shall be granted to any person who shall desire the same, upon the payment of the sum or duty payable by this act for such license, and fifty cents to such clerk for making out or renewing such license; *Provided always, and it is hereby expressly understood, that the license so as aforesaid granted shall not be deemed to authorise the person obtaining the same to sell wines, rum, brandy, whiskey, or other distilled spirituous liquors.**

Treasurer to furnish clerks with blank licenses

4. *And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the clerks of the several counties, to transmit annually, on or before the first day of October, a list of all such licenses granted in their respective counties, to the treasurer of their respective shores, and also to pay all money by them respectively received for such licenses, to the said treasurer, on or before the first day of November annually.*

Proviso

Clerks to transmit list of licenses granted, to treasurers

5. *And be it enacted, That any person obtaining a license for the retailing of wine, rum, brandy, whiskey, or other distilled spirituous liquor, under the laws of the state, shall be authorised and empowered to retail merchandize, without obtaining any license for that purpose as prescribed by the second section of this act, and without the payment of any additional tax or duty.*

Persons having obtained licenses for retailing liquors not to pay additional duty