

HOUSE No. 343

Bill accompanying the petition (taken from the files of last year) of F. W. Ford for legislation to provide for the appointment of a state board of license commissioners and for the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in no-license cities and towns. The Liquor Law. January 3.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Appointment of a State Board of License Commissioners and the Granting of Licenses to sell, distribute and dispense Intoxicating Liquors in All Towns and No-License Cities.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the gov-
2 ernor, subject to confirmation by the council, a board of
3 three license commissioners, who shall have authority to
4 grant all licenses provided by chapter one hundred of
5 the Revised Laws, in all towns and in no-license cities.
6 They shall be appointed for terms of one, two and three
7 years, and thereafter one shall be appointed every three
8 years. They shall be appointed upon the adoption of
9 this act, and each year thereafter during the month of
10 March, and each shall hold office until his successor
11 is appointed and qualified.

1 SECTION 2. In cities and towns whose inhabitants
2 have voted not to grant licenses for the sale of intoxi-
3 cating liquors there may be granted licenses to sell, dis-
4 pense and distribute intoxicating liquors to hotels for
5 the purpose of serving their guests, but no bar or bar
6 room shall be maintained.

1 SECTION 3. All licenses provided by this act shall be
2 granted subject to the provisions of chapter one hundred
3 of the Revised Laws and acts in amendment thereof, and
4 in addition thereto, but the state board of license com-
5 missioners shall have full power and jurisdiction over all
6 licenses so granted. All applications for licenses under
7 this act shall be accompanied by the recommendation in
8 writing, of the selectmen of towns or mayor of a city, as
9 to the applicant's character and fitness for a license.

1 SECTION 4. The maximum fee for all hotel licenses
2 granted under this act shall be four hundred dollars; but
3 a hotel license may be granted for a less period than one
4 year, and at the same rate, but in no case shall a license
5 to a hotel be granted for a less term than three months,
6 or for a less fee than fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be so construed
2 as to compel the granting of any license.

1 SECTION 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.