

HOUSE.....No. 61.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 17, 1836.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the expediency of providing by law for punishing the crime of Drunkenness.

L. S. CUSHING, *Clerk.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Thirty-Six.

AN ACT

To Punish the Crime of Drunkenness.

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

1 SEC. 1. Any person, who shall be publicly and
2 notoriously guilty of the crime of drunkenness, shall
3 for the first offence, forfeit and pay a fine not exceed-
4 ing five dollars, or be committed to the house of
5 correction for not more than twenty-four hours ; and
6 for the second offence, shall forfeit and pay a fine not
7 exceeding ten dollars, or be committed to the house
8 of correction for not more than two days.

1 SEC. 2. Any person, who has been twice con-
2 victed of the crime of public and notorious drunk-
3 enness, shall, upon a third conviction for the same, be
4 taken and deemed to be a common drunkard.