

lectmen of the same town or district, recommending them as follows, viz.

Form. WE, the subscribers, Selectmen of the town (or district) of _____ do approve of _____ (inserting the name of the person and the employment for which he or she is approbated) in the said town (or district) for the year ensuing; and we do hereby recommend the said _____ as a person of sober life and conversation, suitably qualified and provided for the exercise of such an employment, and firmly attached to the Constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

Duty of Selectmen. And it shall be the duty of the Selectmen in the several towns, annually, to certify to the Court of the General Sessions of the Peace, at the beginning of their term for granting licenses, what number of innholders and retailers, in their respective towns, they judge to be necessary for the public good. And that no license be renewed to any person who shall have been before licensed, against whom any presentment, complaint, or information shall be made for misrule or disorder in such house, or for not being suitably provided as the law in such case requires to entertain strangers and travellers at bed and board, before the matter complained of and informed against be inquired into and judged of. *Provided*, Such presentment or complaint be prosecuted to effect at or before the same Court for granting such licenses; unless the prosecution be delayed at the motion of the person applying for the license.

No license shall be renewed to persons who stand present-ed.

Proviso.

Innholders and taverners shall, at all times, be furnished with suitable provisions, &c. on pain of being deprived of their license.

SECT. 3. *Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That all innholders, taverners, and common victuallers, shall, at all times, be furnished with suitable provisions and lodging, for the refreshment and entertainment of strangers and travellers, pasturing and stable-room, hay and provender (saving that in populous sea-port towns, stable-room, hay and provender only are required) for their horses and cattle, on pain of being deprived of their license. And every licensed victualler, innholder, or taverner, shall, at all times, have a board or sign affixed to his or her house, or in some conspicuous place near the same, with his or her name at large thereon, and the particular employment for which he or she is licensed: And if any victualler, innholder, or taverner, enjoined by law to be suitably provided to receive and entertain strangers, travellers or others, as occasion may require, shall be convicted of refusing to make suitable provision when desired, for the receiving of strangers, travellers, and their horses and cattle, or for any public entertainment, such person, upon being convicted thereof before the Justices of the General Sessions of the Peace of the county to which such person belongs, shall, by the said Justices, be deprived of his or her license; and the said Justices shall be and they are hereby empowered and directed to order the Sheriff of