

Copy of the 17th section of an Act, entitled An act concerning INNS and TAVERNS.

Be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said courts, and they are hereby respectively empowered and directed, at every of their spring sessions hereafter, to ascertain the rates and prices of the several liquors, meat, and entertainment, for man; and also fix the several sums for the provender, stabling, and pasture, for horses, to be taken by every licensed inn-holder and tavern-keeper within their respective counties: and every such inn-holder and tavern-keeper shall obtain from the clerk of the court, and in ten days after such session, fix or set up in open view, in the most public room in his or her inn and tavern, a fair copy of the rates and prices of the articles and things so ascertained by the said court, with a copy of this clause thereto subjoined, attested by the said clerk, and keep up the said copy so as aforesaid, exposed to open view, until a new rate shall be made, under the penalty of four dollars for every day that he or she shall refuse, neglect, or omit to fix, set, or keep up the same; to be sued for and recovered by action of debt, with costs, in any court of record having cognizance thereof, by any person or persons who shall prosecute for the same: and further, if any inn-holder and tavern-keeper, shall ask, demand, or receive, a greater price for any liquors, diet, lodging, provender, stabling, pasturage, or other articles, than by such rate shall be allowed, he or she so offending, shall, for every offence, forfeit and pay four dollars; to be recovered in the manner last above mentioned, and his license shall immediately thereupon become void: and lastly, the said clerk shall be entitled to receive from such inn-holder and tavern-keeper, for the copy of rates aforesaid, and this section thereto annexed, the sum of fifty cents.

Attest,