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BILL.

An Act to provide for the care of habitual Drunkards,
and the custody and disposal of their effects.

WHEREAS it is expedient to provide by law for the care Preamble.
of habitual drunkards, and for the custody and disposal of
their estates ; Be it enacted, &c.

That whenever the Head and Councillors of any Municipality Municipal
Councils may
forbid the sale
&c., of spirit-
uous liquors
to drunkards.
5 shall discover any person to be an habitual drunkard, it shall
and may be lawful for them, by writing under their Corporate
Seal to designate and describe such drunkard, and by written
notice under their said seal require all merchants and other
dealers in spirituous liquors, and every person within the Muni-
10 cipality where such drunkard shall reside, or in any other Mu-
nicipality near to, or adjoining such first Municipality, upon the
said notice being first endorsed by the head of such adjoining
Municipality, not to give or sell under any pretence, any spirituous
liquors to such drunkard.

15 **II.** And be it enacted, That if after the personal service of such Penalty on
persons selling
liquors to such
drunkards.
notice, any person shall knowingly give or sell in any manner
whatever, spirituous liquors to any such drunkard, except by the
personal direction or on the written certificate of some medical
practitioner, regularly licensed to practice according to the laws
20 of this Province, stating that such liquor is necessary for the pre-
servation or recovery of the health of such drunkard, he or she
shall forfeit for every such offence, upon conviction thereof before
a Justice of the Peace, a sum of not less than twenty shillings, nor
more than five pounds, as in the discretion of the said Justice shall
25 seem meet.

III. And be it enacted, That every person upon whom the notice
mentioned in the first section of this Act shall have been served,
shall be liable to the forfeiture prescribed in the second section
thereof, whenever any agent, clerk or member of the family of
30 such person shall knowingly give or sell in any manner whatever,
spirituous liquors to any person designated as an habitual drunkard Such persons
shall also be
liable to the
penalty if any
member of
their families
sell liquors to
drunkards.