

CHAP. 166.

Guilty of
misdemeanor

under any pretenses, in any manner or for any purpose whatsoever; and if any person or persons, firm or corporation within the said election district number seven shall, directly or indirectly, sell or otherwise dispose of, by way of barter, any such liquors, medicated bitters or alcoholic compounds, or cider, or shall therein take any order or orders therefor, then such person or persons, the members of such firm, and the directors, trustees or managers of such corporation, shall be guilty of misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof in the Circuit Court for Dorchester county, or before any justice of the peace thereof, shall for every offense be confined in the Maryland house of correction for not less than three nor more than six months; but if any such liquors, medicated bitters or alcoholic compounds, or cider be sold on Sunday or to any minor, the party or parties so offending, on conviction as aforesaid, shall for every offense be confined in the Maryland house of correction for not less than six months. In any indictment, warrant or other charge the members of any firm shall be designated as in civil suits, and in the case of corporations, the directors, trustees or managers thereof may be simply designated as directors, trustees or managers of such corporation, and in no case against the members of any firm or against the directors, trustees or managers of any corporation shall abate, be quashed or set aside the members of such firm or less than the whole number of under demurrer, because less than the whole number of directors, trustees or managers of such corporation have been charged or arrested, but such as are charged and have been arrested, may be tried, and those who have not been charged or those who being charged have not been arrested may, upon being charged and arrested, be tried. In trials in the Circuit Court where the cases have been removed to said Court for a jury trial, or in trials upon appeals from justice of the peace instead of proceeding to trial upon the warrant issued by the justice, the State's Attorney may, in every such case, before the trial begins, prepare and file in the same an information or charge in the nature of an indictment, and the case shall be tried thereunder; and if any person or persons be charged as a member of any firm or as the directors or managers of any corporation and shall deny that they are members of such firm or are directors, trustees or managers of such corporation, they shall be required to sustain such denials by evidence; and provided, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the sale of peach or apple brandy, wines or pure and unadulterated apple cider, manufactured in Dorchester county from fruit grown therein, in quantities not less than one gallon, by the grower or growers of such fruit, upon the premises where the said fruit was grown.

Proviso.