

An Act for the Punishment of Drunkenness

That if any person shall be found drunken, so that he be thereby bereaved and disabled in the use of his reason and understanding, appearing either in his speech, gesture or behavior; and be thereof convicted, he shall forfeit as a fine the sum of 8/ [8 shillings] to the treasury of the town where the offence is committed, for the use of the poor therein: and for want of goods whereon to make distress, the offender or offenders shall be set in the stocks, there to remain not exceeding three hours, nor less than one hour.

“Acts and Laws of His Majesty’s Colony of Connecticut, 1769.”