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**Statewide Referendum**

**1848: Second Referendum under 1846 Act Relating to Licensing  
Innkeepers and Retailers**

**Background:** See 1847 referendum.

**Issue:** Lax enforcement and general disregard of prohibition left both sides of the issue unsatisfied.

**Referendum:** At town meeting in March, 1848 the 1847 vote was reversed by a fourteen vote margin, with 17,278 voting for "license" and 17,264 voting "no license."

**Result:** Temperance forces, led by the Sons of Temperance, the Green Mountain Tribe of Rechabites, and the United Brothers of Temperance, renewed efforts to organize opposition in preparation of the 1849 vote.