

HOUSE No. 322

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to license suspensions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 322) of Steven S. Howitt relative to alcoholic beverage license suspensions. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 392 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to license suspensions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 138 of the General Laws or any
2 other General or Special law to the contrary, there shall be no distinction between a supermarket,
3 convenience store or package store whenever the holder of a license issued under the provisions
4 of Section 15 of Chapter 138 is found to have been in violation of Section 34 of Chapter 138
5 relative to the sale of alcohol to a minor or to an intoxicated individual that results in the
6 suspension of all commercial activity by the licensee as adjudicated by the local licensing
7 authority in any city or town which votes to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of all
8 alcoholic beverages. For the purposes of this act, the suspension of commercial activity for a
9 licensee shall mean that all commercial activity, including the sale of non-alcoholic items, within
10 the licensed establishment shall cease for the period of the suspension.