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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Shaunna O'Connell and Marc R. Pacheco*, (BY REQUEST)**

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 authorizing the city of Taunton to grant additional liquor licenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John M. McCaul	*Council President 2 Commonwealth Ave. Taunton, MA 02780*

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By Representative O'Connell of Taunton and Senator Pacheco (by request), a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of John M. McCaul (with the approval of the mayor and municipal council) that the city of Taunton be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act authorizing the city of Taunton to grant additional liquor licenses.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the city of Taunton may grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises under section 15 of said chapter 138. A license issued under this subsection shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the city of Taunton may grant up to 2 additional licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises under section 15 of said chapter 138. A license issued under this subsection shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted under this act to any other person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, organization or other entity for 3 years from the date of original issuance. No license to be transferred under this act shall be approved unless the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the division of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those entities and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(d) If a license granted under this section is revoked, cancelled or no longer in use , it shall be returned physically with all of the legal rights and privileges pertaining thereto to the licensing authority which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.