

HOUSE No. 247

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

14th Norfolk

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 247) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wine, beer and malt liquor at auctions. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 270 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act regulating the granting of temporary licenses for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions.

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

1 Chapter 153 of the Acts of 1997 is hereby amended by striking out sections 1 and 2, and
2 inserting in place thereof the following sections:-

3 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
4 contrary, the local licensing authority in a city or town which votes to authorize the granting of
5 licenses for the sale of an alcoholic beverage may, with the approval of the alcoholic beverages
6 control commission, grant temporary licenses for the sale of wines, beers, and malt liquors at
7 auction, not to be drunk on the premises, to applicants which are nonprofit charitable
8 corporations organized under chapter 180 of the General Laws and registered with the public
9 charities division of the office of the attorney general. Each such temporary license shall describe

10 the premises to which it applies and shall be granted only for premises which are either the
11 principal place of business or headquarters of the applicant and which are legally zoned to allow
12 such sales or which are the premises of a licensee under section 12 or section 15 of chapter 138
13 of the General Laws. No such temporary license shall be for a duration of more than ten
14 consecutive calendar days and no holder of any such temporary license shall be granted more
15 than two such licenses in a calendar year. The fee for such temporary license shall not exceed the
16 minimum fee provided for holders of licenses to sell wine, beer, and malt liquor. A holder of a
17 temporary license for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions shall be permitted to
18 conduct such auctions on any day and at any time permitted under said section 12 of said chapter
19 138. Any wine, beer, and malt liquor sold under this section shall be donated at no charge to the
20 license holder and all proceeds from such sales shall be used for the holder's charitable purposes.
21 The application procedures under section 15A of said chapter 138 shall not apply to temporary
22 licenses for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions; provided, however, that such
23 applications may be granted by the local licensing authority according to the local procedures for
24 granting licenses under section 14 of said chapter 138. Local licensing authorities may impose
25 conditions as to the hours of operation of such auctions and such other terms and conditions as
26 may be deemed to be necessary and reasonable.

27 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
28 contrary, the local licensing authority in a city or town which votes to authorize the granting of
29 licenses for the sale of an alcoholic beverage may, with the approval of the alcoholic beverages
30 control commission, grant temporary licenses for the sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at
31 auctions, not to be drunk on the premises, to applicants which are licensees under section 15 of
32 chapter 138 of the General Laws. Each such temporary license shall describe the premises to

33 which it applies and shall be granted only for premises which are either the principal place of
34 business or headquarters of the applicant and which are legally zoned to allow such sales or
35 which are the premises of a licensee under section 12 or 15 of said chapter 138. No such
36 temporary license shall be for a duration of more than ten consecutive calendar days and no
37 holder of any such temporary license shall be granted more than two such temporary licenses in a
38 calendar year. The fee for such temporary license shall not exceed the minimum fee provided for
39 holders of licenses to sell wine, beer, and malt liquor. A holder of a temporary license for the
40 sale of wine, beer, and malt liquor at auctions shall be permitted to conduct such auctions on any
41 day and at any time permitted under said section 15 of said chapter 138. The application
42 procedures under section 15A of said chapter 138 shall not apply to temporary licenses for the
43 sale of wines, beers, and malt liquors at auction; provided, however, that such applications may
44 be granted by the local licensing authority according to the local procedures for granting licenses
45 under section 14 of said chapter 138. Local licensing authorities may impose conditions as to the
46 hours of operation of such auctions and such other terms and conditions as may be deemed to be
47 necessary and reasonable.