

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2983

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce J. Ayers***

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*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 exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of alcoholic beverages.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>

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By Mr. Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2983) of Bruce J. Ayers that certain fraternal organizations be exempt from the tax on the sale of alcoholic beverages. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2674 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of alcoholic beverages.

*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. Section one of Chapter 63A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in line 9 after the words “veterans  
3   organizations” the following phrase:— “or other fraternal organization”.

4           Chapter 63A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby  
5   further amended by inserting the following section:—

6           Section 6. Section 2 shall not apply to sales of alcoholic beverages made to members of  
7   the organization and their guests if such beverages are served in a lounge or similar area which is  
8   reserved for the exclusive use of such members and guests and which is not otherwise available  
9   for use or hire by the general public. Said section 2 shall also not be effective when sales of  
10   alcoholic beverages are made at special events, gatherings, dinners and ceremonies of the

- 11 organization if such sales are made in a lounge or similar area that is ordinarily available for use
- 12 or hire by the general public; provided that the only attendees are members and their duly
- 13 qualified guests.