

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3892**

By Mr. Dwyer of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3892) of James J. Dwyer and others (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Woburn be authorized to place a certain question regarding the sale of alcoholic beverages on the city's election ballot. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**

An Act authorizing the city of Woburn to place a certain question on the state election ballot relative to the granting of a license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises of certain restaurants.

*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 any limitations imposed by section 11 of chapter 138 of  
2 the General Laws as to the time and manner of voting on the questions or any other general or  
3 special law to the contrary, the mayor and city council of the city of Woburn shall cause to be  
4 placed on the official ballot used in said city by registered voters for the State election to be held  
5 November 6, 2012 the following question:

6 "Shall the license commission be authorized to grant licenses for the sale of wines and  
7 malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in restaurants having not less than 50 seats; provided,  
8 however, that not more than 8 such licenses or such amount as allowed under section 17 of  
9 chapter 138 of the General Laws shall be in effect?"

10 YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

11           If the majority of the votes cast in answer to that question is in the affirmative, the city  
12 shall be taken to have authorized the sale in said city of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on  
13 the premises in restaurants having not less than 50 seats; provided, that not more than 8 such  
14 licenses or such amount as allowed under section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws shall be  
15 in effect. The licenses shall be subject to all other provisions of said chapter 138.

16           SECTION 2. The mayor may direct the city solicitor to draft a summary of the question,  
17 which shall be placed on the ballot with the question.

18           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.