

HOUSE No. 273

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William Smitty Pignatelli

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 sale of malt beverages.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 273) of William Smitty Pignatelli and others relative to off-premise consumption of malt beverages . Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act regulating the sale of malt 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 Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end of Section 15
2 the following subsection:-

3 (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any licensee with or
4 without an onsite brewery and holding a valid license for off-premise consumption of malt
5 beverages shall have the right to sell malt beverages for off-premise consumption, provided
6 however, that all malt beverages shall be dispensed in non-clear glass bottles of 64 ounces in
7 volume; provided further that a deposit may be charged per bottle; and provided, further, that the
8 bottle in which the malt liquor is dispensed shall be sealed by the licensee and shall abide by all
9 federal and state standards for appropriate warnings and labels; and provided, further, that all
10 sales of malt beverages from the vendor for off-premise consumption shall be accompanied by a
11 sales receipt with a time stamp that indicates time of purchase; and provided, further, that malt
12 beverages dispensed in accordance with this subsection must be consumed off the premises; and
13 provided, further, that sales of malt liquor in accordance with this subsection may be made
14 during normal business hours but not between the hours of 9pm and 11am; and provided, further,
15 in order to dispense malt beverages in accordance with this subsection, the vendor shall obtain
16 written authorization from the manufacturer of malt beverages and said authorization may be
17 revoked at any moment if the vendor violates the terms within.