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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 town of Needham to place a question on the ballot authorizing the town grant certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Denise C. Garlick	*13th Norfolk*

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3829) of Denise C. Garlick (by vote of the town) that the town of Needham be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premise. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act authorizing the town of Needham to place a question on the ballot authorizing the town grant certain licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Needham may issue to restaurants, with seating capacities of fewer than 100, licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws as to the time and manner of voting on the question, this act shall be submitted for its acceptance to the qualified voters of the town of Needham at state election or an annual or special town election following the effective date of this act in the form of the following question:-

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2013, entitled 'An Act authorizing the town of Needham to grant certain establishments licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises', be accepted?"

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, this act shall take effect in the town of Needham, but not otherwise.

Except as otherwise provided herein, such licenses shall be subject to the provisions of said chapter 138.

Below the ballot question shall appear a fair and concise summary of the ballot question prepared by the town counsel and approved by the board of selectmen.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.