

HOUSE No. 161

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Evandro C. Carvalho

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 modernizing the business licensing process.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>1 City Hall Square, 5th Floor Boston, MA</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/22/2015</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2015</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2015</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2015</i>

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By Mr. Carvalho of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 161) of Evandro C. Carvalho and others for legislation to modernize the business licensing process. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

An Act modernizing the business licensing process.

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 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “antemeridian”, in lines 130, and
3 in line 134, the second time it appears the following words:- , except in a city or town that is
4 serviced by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as authorized by chapter 161A if
5 the local governing body of such city or town accepts this provision.

6 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 140 as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is hereby
7 amended by adding the following paragraph: -

8 “Licensing authorities, at their discretion and subject to local licensing rules and
9 regulations, may exempt all innholders and common victuallers that do not serve alcoholic
10 beverages from the licensing requirements of this section.”

11 SECTION 3. Section 177A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence of the first paragraph the
13 following sentence: -

14 “Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the licensing authority in any city or
15 town shall have the authority to exempt all automatic amusement devices from licensing
16 requirements under this section.”

17 SECTION 4. Section 177 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
18 amended by inserting after the first sentence of the first paragraph the following sentence: -

19 “Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the licensing authority in any city or
20 town shall have the authority to exempt any person who keeps such billiard, pool, or sippio table
21 or bowling alley from the licensure requirements of this section.”

22 SECTION 5. Section 181 of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
23 amended by adding the following paragraph:

24 “The Mayor or Selectmen, at their discretion and subject to local licensing rules and
25 regulations, may set a maximum capacity for all establishments, under which the licensing
26 requirements of this section shall not apply.”

27 SECTION 6. Section 183A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
28 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: -

29 “Licensing authorities, at their discretion and subject to local licensing rules and
30 regulations may set a maximum capacity for all establishments, under which the licensing
31 requirements of this section shall not apply.”

32 SECTION 7. Section 185I of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
33 hereby amended by adding the following sentence: -

34 “Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the local licensing authorities in any
35 city or town shall have the authority to exempt all fortune tellers from licensure required by this
36 section.”