

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 255**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Denise Provost***

*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 providing municipal control of liquor licenses.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps Lee</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>

<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>8/21/2019</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 255) of Denise Provost and others relative to local control of liquor licenses. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act providing municipal control of liquor licenses.

*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. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
2 17 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 SECTION 2. For each city or town that has voted to grant licenses for the sale of  
4 alcoholic beverages as provided in section 11, the legislative body of the city or town shall  
5 determine the number of licenses issued in the city or town under sections 12 and 15. Cities or  
6 towns that have voted to grant licenses, as provided in section 11, may grant seasonal licenses  
7 under section 12 in a number determined by the legislative body. Cities or towns that have voted  
8 to grant licenses as provided in section 11 may grant licenses under sections 12, 15 or 15F to the  
9 holder of a farmer-winery license under section 19B in a number determined by the legislative  
10 body.

11 SECTION 3. Sections 17A, 7B and 17C of said chapter 138 are hereby repealed.

12           SECTION 4. The number of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages allowed by prior  
13 law shall continue in force until changed by the legislative body under section 17 of chapter 138  
14 of the General Laws.