

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3633**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*William C. Galvin*

*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 Canton to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	<i>6/18/2015</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3633) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Canton to grant additional licenses for the sale of 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:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding sections 12 and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws  
2 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Canton  
3 may grant up to 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, or the sale of wines  
4 and malt beverages only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to said section 12, subject to the  
5 conditions set forth in this act and the provisions of said section 12 concerning fees for original  
6 issuance of licenses and renewal of licenses.

7 (b) Prior to the granting of a license pursuant to this act, the licensing authority shall  
8 determine whether an applicant or licensee meets the criteria set forth in this act and any rules  
9 and regulations governing the granting of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages  
10 promulgated by the board of selectmen and all other applicable laws.

11 (c) If a license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, such  
12 license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions  
13 pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant  
14 who meets the criteria set forth in this act.

15 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 77 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
16 licensing authority of the town of Canton may, after a hearing, cancel or revoke any license for  
17 the sale of alcoholic beverages issued in the town of Canton, whether the license was issued  
18 pursuant to this act or otherwise, that is not in active use and is not being used to serve the public  
19 for a period of time of 6 months measured from the date the licensee stops serving the public.

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