

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3884**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cory Atkins and Jennifer E. Benson*

*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 Acton to grant 16 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and 6 additional licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/25/2015</i>

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By Representatives Atkins of Concord and Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3884) of Cory Atkins (by vote of the town) that the town of Acton be authorized to grant sixteen additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and six additional licenses for the sale of wines 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)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Acton to grant 16 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and 6 additional licenses for the sale of wines and malt 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 section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
2   licensing authority of the town of Acton may grant 16 additional licenses for the sale of all  
3   alcoholic beverages and 6 additional licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages to be  
4   drunk on the premises, pursuant to section 12 of chapter 138, provided, however, that such  
5   licenses are issued to establishments that hold a common victuallers license pursuant to section 2  
6   of chapter 140 of the General Laws. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138  
7   except said section 17.

8           (b) Once issued, the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license issued  
9   under this act to any other person, partnership, corporation, limited liability company,  
10   organization, or any other entity or location for a period of 3 years from the date of the original

11 issuance, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files  
12 with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the  
13 department of unemployment assistance indicating that the licensee is in good standing with  
14 those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

15 (c) If any license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked, or no longer in use, it  
16 shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining  
17 thereto, to the licensing authority which may then grant the license to a new applicant under the  
18 same conditions as specified in this act provided that the applicant files with the licensing  
19 authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of  
20 unemployment assistance indicating that the licensee is in good standing with those departments  
21 and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.