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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning to you for amendment House Bill No. 3684, “An Act Authorizing the Town of Norwood to Grant Additional Licenses for the Sale of all Alcoholic Beverages.”

At the special town meeting held on November 17, 2014, the town of Norwood voted to petition the General Court for special legislation that would allow the Board of Selectmen, as the local licensing board, to issue up to a maximum of four licenses for the sale and consumption of wine and beer on the premises to establishments in the South Norwood General Business District. The bill, however, authorizes the issuance of four additional licenses to those establishments for the on-site sale and consumption of all alcoholic beverages rather than simply wine and malt beverages.

The town of Norwood believes its original petition best supports the town’s interests and business plan.

I, therefore, recommend that House Bill No. 3684 be amended in Section 1 by striking out the words “all alcoholic” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- “wines and malt”.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Governor*