

SENATE No. 127

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger

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:
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>Boston City Hall 1 City Hall Plaza - Suite 500 Boston, MA 02201</i>

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 127) of William N. Brownsberger, Russell E. Holmes, Daniel J. Hunt, Daniel J. Ryan and others for legislation relative to modernizing 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 words “eight o’clock antemeridian”, in
3 lines 130 and 134, the following words:- “, except in a city or town that is serviced by the
4 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as authorized by chapter 161A if the local
5 governing body of such city or town accepts this provision.

6 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the
7 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 177 of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
12 inserting after the first sentence of the first paragraph the following sentence:-

13 Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the licensing authority in any city or
14 town shall have the authority to exempt any person who keeps such billiard, pool, or sippio table
15 or bowling alley from the licensure requirements of this section.

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

18 Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the licensing authority in any city or
19 town shall have the authority to exempt all automatic amusement devices from licensing
20 requirements under this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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