

SENATE No. 144

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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: |
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| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i> | <i>30th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>John F. Keenan</i> | <i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Robert L. Hedlund</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> |

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 144) of James B. Eldridge, Jennifer E. Benson, Michael O. Moore, Chris Walsh and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide municipal control of liquor licenses. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 93 OF 2013-2014.]

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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, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out section 17 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 17. The legislative body of each city or town that has voted to grant licenses for
5 the sale of alcoholic beverages as provided in section 11 shall determine the number of licenses
6 issued in the city or town under section 12. Cities or towns that have voted to grant licenses as
7 provided in section 11 may grant seasonal licenses under section 12 in a number determined by
8 the legislative body. Cities or towns that have voted to grant licenses as provided in section 11

9 may grant licenses under sections 12 or 15F to the holder of a farmer-winery license under
10 section 19B in a number determined by the legislative body.

11 SECTION 2. Sections 17A, 7B and 17C of said chapter 138 are hereby repealed.

12 SECTION 3. 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.