HOUSE No. 3841

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 24, 2017.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3750) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Chelmsford be authorized to issue ten additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3841) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act authorizing the town of Chelmsford to issue additional licenses for the sale of all 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:

- SECTION 1. (a) Not withstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Chelmsford may grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.
 - (b) The licensing authority shall restrict the licenses authorized by this section to the town of Chelmsford's commercially zoned districts. Specifically, those areas are known as the Billerica Road/Route 129 Industrial District, Chelmsford Street Commercial District, Downtown Commercial District, Drum Hill Commercial District, and the Vinal Square Commercial District.

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(c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this act to any other location but it may grant a license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

- (d) If a license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use at the location of original issuance, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at a location within an economic development area defined in subsection (b) under the same conditions as specified in this section.
 - SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.