

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 235**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Finn***

*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 relative to the sale of alcohol at retail.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>1/17/2019</i>

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 235) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages at retail by automated or self-checkout. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to the sale of alcohol at retail.

*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 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding after the sixth paragraph, the following new paragraph: --

3 "The sale of alcoholic beverages by a licensee engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages  
4 as so authorized under the provisions of this section shall be conducted through a face to face  
5 transaction between the customer and the licensee or by an authorized employee of the licensee  
6 who has attained the age of 18 years. Automated or self-checkout for the sale of alcoholic  
7 beverages by a licensee engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages as so authorized under the  
8 provisions of this section shall be prohibited.

9 SECTION 2. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as having any impact on the ability  
10 of licensees to engaged in the on-line or internet sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages in the  
11 Commonwealth."