

HOUSE No. 318

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James M. Murphy, (BY REQUEST)

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 amending chapter 138.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jacob Kohl

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 318) of Jacob Kohl relative to alcoholic beverages tastings. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act amending chapter 138.

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 13 of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the phrase “prescribe” the following sub-section:

3 13 (a)Tastings aboard vessels:

4 Provided that any owner or operator of any vessel or shipping company carrying
5 passengers and operating out of any port of the commonwealth who holds a license pursuant to
6 this section may sponsor, promote, partner with or advertise a tasting with certain holders of
7 licenses pursuant to Sections 19B, 19C and 19D of Chapter 138

8 Any owner or operator of any vessel or shipping company carrying passengers and
9 operating out of any port of the commonwealth who holds a license pursuant to this section may
10 provide on board sample wine or malt beverage tasting with certain holders of licenses pursuant
11 to Sections 19B, 19C and 19D of Chapter 138; provided however, that such licensee shall not
12 solicit orders for wine or malt for off premises consumption; and provided further, that any such

13 wine tasting shall be limited to one ounce per serving and any such malt beverage tasting shall be
14 limited to two ounces per serving and food shall be served in conjunction with any such wine or
15 malt beverage tasting.

16 Any owner or operator of any vessel or shipping company carrying passengers and
17 operating out of any port of the commonwealth who holds a license pursuant to this section may
18 provide, without charge, on-premises sample alcoholic beverages tastings for prospective
19 customers if such beverages shall be available for sale on board; provided, however, that no
20 single serving of wine shall exceed one ounce and no single serving of malt beverages shall
21 exceed two ounces. The holder of a license pursuant to this section shall not solicit orders for off
22 premises consumption; provided, further, that the holder of a license issued pursuant to the
23 provisions of this section shall control the dispensing of wine or malt beverage samples on
24 board; and provided, further, that food shall be served in conjunction with such wine or malt
25 beverage tasting conducted on the vessel of the holder of a license issued pursuant to this section.