

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 4117**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 10, 2019.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4040) of Paul F. Tucker and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4117) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act authorizing the city of Salem to convert a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to a license 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:*

1           SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
2           licensing authority of the city of Salem may convert one license for the sale of wine and malt  
3           beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138, originally issued to  
4           Polonia Restaurant Group under section 7 of chapter 149 of the acts of 2011 and currently issued  
5           to Blue Fez Inc. d/b/a Blue Fez at 118C Washington street in the city of Salem, to a license for  
6           the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under said section 12 of said  
7           chapter 138 to Blue Fez Inc. d/b/a Blue Fez at 118C Washington street in the city of Salem. The  
8           license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

9           (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license converted under  
10          subsection (a) to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same  
11          location if the applicant for the license files with the licensing authority a letter from the  
12          department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating

13 that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and  
14 contributions have been paid.

15 (c) If the license converted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use at  
16 the location of original issuance, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights,  
17 privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing  
18 authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same  
19 conditions as specified in this act.

20 (d) All licenses under this act shall be converted within one year after the effective date  
21 of this act; provided, however that a license originally converted within that time period may be  
22 granted to a new applicant under subsection (b) or (c) thereafter.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.