

HOUSE No. 4809

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 25, 2020.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4197) of Sheila C. Harrington (by vote of the town) that the town of Groton be authorized to grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and three additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4809) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

TACKEY CHAN.

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

An Act authorizing the town of Groton to grant additional alcoholic beverages 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. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the
2 licensing authority of the town of Groton may grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises under section 15 of said chapter 138 to
4 establishments located within the following two development zones, as those areas are defined
5 by the town’s zoning map, existing as of October, 2015, upon approval of and under conditions
6 set by the licensing authority of the town of Groton. A license granted under this act shall be
7 clearly marked on its face “West Groton Village,” or “Four Corners,” and shall be subject to all
8 of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

9 (b) The licensing authority shall restrict the 2 licenses authorized in this act to the two
10 zoned areas defined as follows:

11 (1) 1 license shall be issued to establishments located within the Route 225 Corridor, to
12 comprise the area to include parcels along Route 225 and Townsend Road, as those areas are
13 designated as West Groton Village on the map; provided, however, that for the purposes of this

14 paragraph, map shall mean the parcel specific corridor areas designated as West Groton Village,
15 dated October, 2015, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Groton town clerk;

16 (2) 1 license shall be issued to establishments located within Four Corners, to comprise
17 the area to include parcels along Route 225 and Route 119, as those areas are designated as Four
18 Corners on the map; provided, however, that for the purposes of this paragraph, map shall mean
19 the parcel specific corridor areas designated as Four Corners, dated October, 2015, a copy of
20 which is on file in the office of the Groton town clerk.

21 (c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted under this
22 act to a location outside of the initial zoned areas as defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection
23 (b), but it may grant a license to a new applicant within the initial zoned areas as defined in said
24 paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (b) if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter
25 from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance
26 indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable
27 taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

28 (d) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act or any such
29 license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, the license shall be
30 returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to
31 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant
32 under the same conditions as specified in this act.

33 (e) All licenses granted under this act shall be issued within 3 years after the effective
34 date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period
35 maybe granted to a new applicant under subsections (c) or (d) thereafter.

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