

HOUSE No. 5113

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan and Paul R. Feeney

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 to provide relief to pouring establishments during COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>9/16/2020</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>10/7/2020</i>

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By Representative Chan of Quincy and Senator Feeney, a joint petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Tackey Chan and Paul R. Feeney relative to licensees for the sale of beverages to be drunk on premises during the COVID-19 emergency. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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

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Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide timely economic relief to establishments adversely impacted by COVID-19, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Notwithstanding provisions of section 12 of chapter 138 of the General
2 Laws to the contrary, any licensee that is licensed pursuant to said section 12 that cannot reopen
3 until Phase 4 of Reopening Massachusetts, or is unable to open as result of disruptions caused by
4 the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, may file its annual
5 license renewal for 2021 pursuant to section 16A of said chapter 138, without submitting proof
6 of liquor legal liability insurance policy; provided, however, that no such licensee shall reopen to
7 the public without first submitting proof to the licensing authority proof of a liquor liability
8 insurance policy naming the licensee as the insured. No insurer, broker, agent or their
9 representative shall impose or collect any surcharge, penalty, fee or other charge in addition to
10 the premium for any such liquor liability insurance policy.