

HOUSE No. 4115

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 20, 2021.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3861) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wellesley be authorized to grant certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages and the sale of wines and malt beverages in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4115) ought to pass.

For the committee,

TACKEY CHAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to grant certain licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any
2 general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority in the town of Wellesley may grant
3 to restaurants and function rooms licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on
4 the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138 subject to the maximum number of such
5 licenses as authorized by section 17 of said chapter 138, and not more than 6 licenses for the sale
6 of wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises.

7 (b) The authority to grant licenses authorized by this section shall be in addition to those
8 licenses authorized in chapter 635 of the acts of 1982.

9 SECTION 2. A holder of a valid license issued prior to the effective date of this act
10 pursuant to chapter 25 of the acts of 2012 for either the sale of all alcoholic beverages or for the
11 sale of wine and malt beverages shall be automatically issued without further initial local or state
12 approval a license for either the sale of all alcoholic beverages or for the sale of wine and malt
13 beverages, as applicable, subject to section 1 of this act; provided that such issuance shall be

14 included in any determination of the number of licenses authorized to be granted by the town
15 pursuant to section 1, and that the licensee continues to comply with said chapter 138 and the
16 terms and conditions of a license granted pursuant to section 1.

17 SECTION 3. Chapter 25 of the acts of 2012 is hereby repealed.

18 SECTION 4. Section 3 shall take effect only when the conditions established in section 2
19 have been satisfied.

20 SECTION 5. Except as otherwise specified, this act shall take effect upon its passage.