

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4923**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford*

*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 authorizing the town of Montague to grant one additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>6/16/2022</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>6/16/2022</i>

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By Representative Blais of Sunderland and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4923) of Natalie M. Blais and Joanne M. Comerford (by vote of the town) that the town of Montague be authorized to grant one additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Montague to grant one additional liquor 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 town of Montague may grant one (1) additional license for the sale of  
3   all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 to  
4   El Nopalito Restaurant, located at 196 Turners Falls Road, in the town of Montague. The  
5   licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

6           (b) The licensing authority of the town of Montague shall not approve the transfer of the  
7   license granted pursuant to this act to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new  
8   applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the  
9   department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating  
10   that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and  
11   contributions have been paid.

12 (c) If the license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it  
13 shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining  
14 thereto, to the licensing authority, which may then grant the license to a new applicant at the  
15 same location under the same conditions as specified in this act.

16 (d) The license granted pursuant to this act shall be issued not later than 2 years after the  
17 effective date of this act; provided however, that if the license is originally granted within that  
18 time period, it may be granted to a new applicant pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) anytime  
19 thereafter.

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