HOUSE . . . . . No. 5251

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 29, 2022.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5139) of Chynah Tyler (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Boston be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5251) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

TACKEY CHAN.

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

An Act authorizing the city of Boston to grant five additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises of Bolling Municipal Building and Strand Theater.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing board of the city of Boston may grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 as follows: (i) four restricted to establishments located within the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building located at 2300 Washington Street in the Roxbury section of the city of Boston; and (ii) one restricted to the Strand Theater located at 543 Columbia Road in the Dorchester section of the city of Boston. A license granted under this act shall be clearly marked “non-transferable” and either "Bolling Building restricted" or "Strand Theater restricted", and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) A license granted pursuant to this section shall only be exercised in the dining room of a common victualler and in such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

(c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted under this act to a location outside of the area for which the license was initially granted, but it may grant a license to a new applicant within the area for which the license was initially granted if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(d) A license granted under this act shall not be sold or transferred by the licensee. If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act or the license granted pursuant to this act is canceled, revoked, or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges, and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing board and the licensing board may then grant that license to a new applicant under the same conditions as specified in this act.

(e) A license granted under this act shall be issued within 3 years after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that if the license is originally granted within that time period, the license may be granted to a new applicant pursuant to subsections (c) and (d) any time thereafter.

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