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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Joseph D. McKenna and Ryan C. Fattman***

*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 Webster to grant additional liquor licenses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2021</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/13/2021</i>

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

An Act authorizing the town of Webster to grant additional liquor 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, or any other  
2 general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Webster may grant  
3 two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises under  
4 section 12 of said chapter 138, and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt  
5 beverages to be drunk on the premises under said section 12 of said chapter 138 to  
6 establishments located within the town’s “B-4 General Business” district, as that district is  
7 defined by the town’s zoning map, as it existed as of December 10, 2018, upon approval of and  
8 under conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Webster. Licenses granted pursuant  
9 to this act shall be clearly marked on its face “B-4 General Business” and shall be subject to all  
10 of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

11           (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted under this  
12 act to a location outside of the town’s B-4 General Business district, but it may grant a license to  
13 a new applicant within the B-4 General Business district if the applicant files with the licensing

14 authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of  
15 unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments  
16 and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

17 (c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act or any such  
18 license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, the license shall be  
19 returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to  
20 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant  
21 in the town's B-4 General Business district under the same conditions specified in this act.

22 (d) A license granted under this act shall only be exercised in the dining room of a  
23 Common Victualer and in such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and  
24 appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

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

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