

HOUSE No. 3890

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

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 Easton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i> | <i>11th Plymouth</i> | <i>6/7/2021</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>6/14/2021</i> |

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3890) of Claire D. Cronin and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) that the town of Easton be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Easton to grant an additional license for the sale of all 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 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the
2 licensing authority of the town of Easton, may grant an additional license for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138.

4 (b) The license shall only be granted to an establishment located in the Five Corners
5 Development District as defined by the Five Corners District Improvement Financing Master
6 Plan, as approved on May 20, 2019, as amended from time to time, a copy of which is on file in
7 the office of the Easton town clerk. A license issued pursuant to this act shall be subject to all of
8 said chapter 138, except said section 17.

9 (c) The licensing authority of the town of Easton shall not approve the transfer of a
10 license granted under this section to any other person, partnership, corporation, LLC,
11 organization or any other entity: (i) for a period of 3 years from the date of original issuance or 3

12 years from the date of enactment of this act, whichever is later; and (ii) to a location outside of
13 the Five Corners Development District.

14 The licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant only at a location
15 within the Five Corners Development District under the same conditions as specified in this act;
16 provided further that no license shall be re-issued for use in the same location within 6 months
17 from the date that the prior license was revoked or terminated, unless the applicant files a letter
18 in writing from the department of revenue with the licensing authority of the town of Easton
19 indicating that the license at issue is in good standing with the department of revenue and that all
20 applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid. A license issued pursuant to this act shall
21 be clearly marked “Five Corners Development District License Only” and state that it is
22 nontransferable on the face of the license.

23 (d) If a license granted under this act is revoked, surrendered or should any transfer of the
24 license occur in violation of this act, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights
25 and privileges pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority of the town of Easton.

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