

SENATE No. 246

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 relative to liquor licenses in the city of Westfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>5/14/2021</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 246) of John C. Velis (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation relative to liquor licenses in the city of Westfield. 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 relative to liquor licenses in the city of Westfield.

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 sections 15 and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws
2 or any other general or special law to the contrary, a seasonal license for the sale of all alcoholic
3 beverages not to be consumed on the premises available to be issued by the Westfield licensing
4 board shall be converted to an additional annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not
5 to be consumed on the premises and the Westfield licensing board may grant the additional
6 annual licenses subject, however, to the conditions set herein.

7 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law or any rule or regulation to the contrary,
8 the Westfield licensing board shall not approve the transfer of a license issued by one authority
9 of this section to any other location. Said license may be re-issued by the Westfield licensing
10 board at the same location if an applicant for said license files with said board a letter in writing
11 from the Commonwealth's Department of Revenue indicating that said license is in good
12 standing with said Department and that any and all applicable taxes have been paid.

13 (c) If a license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, such
14 license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions
15 pertaining thereto, to the Westfield licensing board. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of
16 the General laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Westfield licensing
17 board may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same
18 conditions as specified in the preceding paragraph.

19 SECTION 2. It is the intention of the City Council in adopting this petition that the
20 General Court have such authority as is needed to effectuate the intent of this petition such that
21 the General Court may make changes to the petition as needed consistent with the intent.