

SENATE No. 2566

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, November 4, 2021.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the 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, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2566).

For the committee,
Susan L. Moran

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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 section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the
2 licensing authority of the city of Westfield may convert a seasonal license for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises under section 15 of said chapter 138,
4 currently issued to Union Mart and used at 420 Union Street to an annual license for the sale of
5 all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises under said section 15 of said chapter 138
6 to Union Mart for use at 420 Union Street. The license converted under this section shall be
7 subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

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

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

19 (d) A license converted under this act shall be converted within 1 year after the effective
20 date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally converted within that time period
21 may be granted to a new applicant under subsection (b) or (c) any time thereafter.

22 SECTION 2. Upon conversion of the license authorized under this act, the licensee shall
23 return physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the
24 licensing authority, its annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on
25 the premises under said section 15 of said chapter 138.

26 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.