

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2703**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of alcoholic beverages.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>10/12/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>10/12/2023</i>

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By Representative Ayers of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2703) of Bruce J. Ayers that certain fraternal organizations be exempt from the tax on the sale of alcoholic beverages. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2821 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of 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. Section one of Chapter 63A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting in line 9 after the words “veterans organizations” the following phrase:— “or other  
3 fraternal organization”.

4           Chapter 63A of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting the following  
5 section:—

6           Section 6. Section 2 shall not apply to sales of alcoholic beverages made to members of  
7 the organization and their guests if such beverages are served in a lounge or similar area which is  
8 reserved for the exclusive use of such members and guests and which is not otherwise available  
9 for use or hire by the general public. Said section 2 shall also not be effective when sales of

10 alcoholic beverages are made at special events, gatherings, dinners and ceremonies of the  
11 organization if such sales are made in a lounge or similar area that is ordinarily available for use  
12 or hire by the general public; provided that the only attendees are members and their duly  
13 qualified guests.