

HOUSE No. 4866

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 15, 2024.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Rebecca L. Rausch (by vote of the town) that the town of Wrentham be authorized to grant seven additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4866) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the town of Wrentham to grant an additional 7 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

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 Wrentham may grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 to
4 establishments located within the 3 development zones as described in subsection (b) upon
5 approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Wrentham. A
6 license granted under this act shall be clearly marked on its face either “Village Zone A”,
7 “Village Zone B”, or “Stonewall Blvd Development”, as applicable, and shall be subject to all of
8 said chapter 138 except section 17.

9 (b) The licensing authority shall restrict the 7 licenses authorized in this act as follows:

10 (1) Two licenses shall be issued to establishments located with the town’s Village Zone A
11 Planned Development district shown on a map entitled “Future Development Map: Village Zone
12 A & B” as dated on September 21, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town
13 clerk;

14 (2) Three licenses shall be issued to establishments located within the town's Village
15 Zone B district shown on a map entitled "Future Development Map: Village Zone A & B" as
16 dated on September 21, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town clerk; and

17 (3) Two licenses shall be issued to establishments located within the town's C-1 Planned
18 Development district shown on a map entitled "Future Development Map: Stonewall Blvd
19 Development" as dated on September 21, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the office of the
20 town clerk.

21 (c) A license granted pursuant to this section shall only be exercised in the dining room of
22 a common victualler and in such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and
23 appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

24 (d) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to
25 this act to a location outside of the initial zoned areas as described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of
26 subsection (b), but it may grant a license to new applicant within such initial zoned area if the
27 applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter
28 from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing
29 with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

30 (e) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act or any such
31 license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, the license shall be
32 returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to
33 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant
34 under the same conditions specified in this act.

35 (f) All licenses granted under this act shall be issued within 3 years after the effective
36 date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period may
37 be granted to a new applicant under subsections (d) and (e) thereafter.

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