

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4893**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William M. Straus***

*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 Fairhaven to issue one additional liquor license.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>	<i>7/12/2024</i>

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By Representative Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4893) of William M. Straus (by vote of the town) that the town of Fairhaven be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Fairhaven to issue one additional liquor license.

*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 Fairhaven may grant 1 additional license for the sale of all  
3   alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 issued  
4   to Southcoast Pickleball LLC at 4 David Drawn Boulevard in the town of Fairhaven. The license  
5   shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

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

12           (c) If the licensee granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use at  
13 the location of original issuance, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights,  
14 privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing  
15 authority may, within 3 years of such return, then grant the license to a new applicant and under  
16 the same conditions as specified in this act, otherwise such license shall dissolve.

17           (d) A license granted under this section shall be issued within 1 year after the effective  
18 date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period may  
19 be granted to a new applicant under subsections (b) and (c) thereafter.

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