HOUSE No. 5093

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 4, 2024.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4931) of Manny Cruz and Joan B. Lovely (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Salem be authorized to convert one annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to an annual license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said city, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5093) 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 city of Salem to convert the annual license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 75 of the acts of 2008 to an annual license 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:

- SECTION 1. Chapter 75 of the Acts of 2008 is hereby amended by striking out the words
 "wines and malt", and inserting in place thereof the following:- all alcoholic.
- SECTION 2. (a) The city of Salem may charge a fee for the conversion of the license
 authorized and described in section 1 which shall be paid by the current licensee at the time of
 enactment unless the licensing authority agrees to enter into a contract with the licensee to allow
 the division of the fee into multiple payments over time from the licensee. If the city elects to
 accept multiple payments over time from the licensee, the option shall be made available, upon
 request, to all qualified applicants for a license.
 - (b) Any fee collected by the city of Salem for the license converted pursuant to section 1 which is greater than the amount of the fee charged for an annual renewal of a similar license issued by the city shall be deposited into the city's economic development account and expended by it in a manner consistent with the purpose of such account.

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