

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Haddad***

*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 Somerset to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>7/17/2024</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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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 Somerset to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk off 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 local licensing authority of the town of Somerset may grant an additional license for the sale of  
3 wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises under section 15 of said chapter 138, to  
4 Olde Village Convenience Store, Inc. d/b/a Olde Village Convenience Store located at 2756  
5 County Street in the town of Somerset, Massachusetts. The licenses shall be subject to all of said  
6 chapter 138 except said section 17.

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

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

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

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