

SENATE No. 221

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 to promote economic recovery for restaurants and bars.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John C. Velis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Hampden and Hampshire

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 221) of John C. Velis for legislation to promote economic recovery for restaurants and bars. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 247 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act to promote economic recovery for restaurants and bars.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 78 the
2 following section:-

3 SECTION 79. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an
4 establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages or only wines and malt beverages on-premises
5 may sell wine or malt beverages only for off-premises consumption subject to the following
6 conditions: (i) the wine or malt beverage shall not be sold to a person under 21 years of age;
7 provided, however, that any delivery of wine or malt beverages for off-premises consumption
8 shall not be made without verification that the person receiving the order has attained 21 years of
9 age; (ii) the wine shall be sold in its original, sealed container and the malt beverage shall be sold
10 in a sealed container; (iii) the wine or malt beverage shall be sold as part of the same transaction

11 as the purchase of food; provided, however, that any order that includes wine or malt beverages
12 shall be placed not later than the hour of which the establishment is licensed to sell alcohol or
13 12:00 midnight, whichever time is earlier; and (iv) a customer shall be limited to 192 ounces of
14 malt beverage and 1.5 liters of wine per transaction.