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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michelle L. Ciccolo

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 Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Michelle L. Ciccolo	*15th Middlesex*	*2/7/2025*
Cindy F. Friedman	*Fourth Middlesex*	*3/17/2025*

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By Representative Ciccolo of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3893) of Michelle L. Ciccolo (by vote of the town) that the town of Lexington be authorized to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act authorizing the town of Lexington to grant ten additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt 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. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Lexington may grant 10 additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 as follows: (i) 1 license to Pinot's Palette, located at 7A Meriam Street in Lexington; (ii) 1 license to Galaray House Art Gallery, located at 1720 Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington; (iii) 1 license to Lexington Venue Theater, located at 1794 Massachusetts Avenue in Lexington; (iv) 1 license to Fable Brewing, located at 94 Hartwell Ave Lexington; and (v) 6 licenses to establishments located within the three economic development zones described in subsection (b). A license granted under said subsection (b) shall be clearly marked on its face either “Village Overlay District”, “Multifamily Overlay District”, or “Village High-Rise Overlay District” as applicable. Licenses granted under this act shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) The licensing authority shall restrict the 6 licenses granted under clause (v) of subsection (a) to establishments located within either the “Village Overlay District”, “Multifamily Overlay District”, or “Village High-Rise Overlay District” as those areas are defined on a map entitled “Article 34 Overlay Districts Map” dated March 24, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town clerk.

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

(d)(1) The licensing authority shall not approve of the transfer of a license granted pursuant to clauses (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of subsection (a) to any other location, but it may grant a license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

(2) The licensing authority shall not approve of the transfer of a license granted pursuant to clause (v) of subsection (a) to a location outside of the initial zoned area as described in subsection (b), but it may grant a license to a new applicant within such initial zoned area if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

(e)(1) If a licensee fails to renew a license granted under clauses (i), (ii), (iii), or (iv) of subsection (a) or any such license granted under those clauses is cancelled, revoked, or no longer

in use, it shall be returned physically, with all the legal rights, privileges, and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may, within 3 years of such return, then grant the license to a new applicant under the same conditions as specified in this act, otherwise such license shall dissolve.

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

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

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