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*May 30, 2025*

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to the provisions of Article II, Section 8, Paragraph 1, Clause (2) of the Amendments to the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXXIX of said Amendments, I am filing for your consideration the attached legislation entitled, “An Act Authorizing the Town of Scituate to Grant Four Additional Licenses for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages to be Drunk on the Premises.”

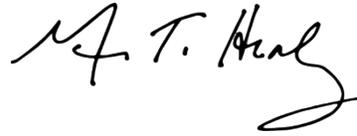
At the request of the Select Board of the Town of Scituate, I am filing this special legislation to allow the Town to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on premises. Two new restaurants in the Town are currently operating under seasonal liquor licenses set to expire in January 2026, while a third location permitted for development is awaiting a license before moving forward with the construction of a restaurant. The Town has also been approached by multiple businesses seeking to open new restaurants if and when additional liquor licenses become available.

This uptick in economic activity centers around two MBTA community districts located adjacent to commuter rail stations, the North Scituate and Greenbush neighborhoods, where mixed use development projects are underway. A varied and active restaurant scene will be essential to attracting people to live in and visit these districts and to patronize local businesses. Scituate recognizes the need to act expeditiously to support growth in these communities.

Due to the timing of these requests for liquor licenses, this petition was not included in the Warrant for Scituate’s most recent Annual Town Meeting, and the Town will not be able to take up the matter until their next Town Meeting in the Spring of next year. This legislation will allow the Town to grant the additional liquor licenses in a timely manner, providing a critical

foundation for transit-oriented development in the area to succeed. I therefore urge your prompt consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. T. Healey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Maura T. Healey,  
*Governor*

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Message from Her Excellency the Governor authorizing the town of Scituate to grant four additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act authorizing the town of Scituate to grant four additional licenses 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:*

1           SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
2           licensing authority of the town of Scituate may grant four additional licenses for the sale of all  
3           alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138. The  
4           licenses shall be subject to all of chapter 138, except section 17.

5           (b) The four licenses granted under this section shall only be exercised in the dining room  
6           of a common victualler and such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and  
7           appropriate by the licensing authority of the town of Scituate as certified in writing.

8           (c) The licensing authority for the town of Scituate may grant these licenses 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 applicant is in good standing  
11          with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

12 (d) A license granted pursuant to this act shall not be sold or transferred by the licensee.  
13 If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act, or any such license is  
14 cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, the license shall be returned physically, with all of the  
15 legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority of the town of  
16 Scituate, which may then grant the license to a new applicant under the same conditions as  
17 specified in this section.

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

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