

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 425**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jack Patrick Lewis***

*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 Ashland to grant additional liquor licenses for the sale of all alcohol beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 425) of Jack Patrick Lewis (by vote of the town) that the town of Ashland be authorized to grant licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act authorizing the town of Ashland to grant additional liquor licenses for the sale of all alcohol 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 Ashland may grant 16 additional licenses for the sale of all  
3   alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 and  
4   shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

5           (b) A license granted pursuant to this section shall only be exercised in the dining room  
6   of a common victualler and in such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable  
7   and appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

8           (c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act or any such  
9   license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, the license shall be  
10   returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to

11 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant  
12 under the same conditions specified in this act.

13 (d) All licenses granted under this act shall be issued within 10 years after the effective  
14 date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period may  
15 be granted to a new applicant under subsection (c) thereafter.

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