

HOUSE No. 4285

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 23, 2025.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 36) modernizing the Massachusetts alcohol laws; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 477) of Christopher J. Worrell relative to licenses authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4285) ought to pass.

For the committee,

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

An Act modernizing the Massachusetts alcohol permitting laws.

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. Section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out wherever they so appear the words:- “and
3 contiguous”.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after section 18C the following section:-

6 Section 18D. It shall be the duty of every railroad company, express
7 company, common carrier, contract carrier, firm or corporation that brings, carries or transports
8 wines, malt beverages or distilled spirits into the commonwealth to prepare, and file monthly
9 with the commission, a report which shall include the name and license number of the supplier,
10 the quantity of wine, malt beverages or distilled spirits; provided, however, said reporting
11 requirement shall not apply to deliveries from certificate of compliance holders licensed pursuant
12 to section 18B to wholesalers licensed pursuant to section 18.

13 Reports shall be submitted to the commission, on a monthly basis, on forms prescribed by
14 the commission.

15 SECTION 3. Subsection (n) of section 19B of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so
16 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words:- “and contiguous”.

17 SECTION 4. Subsection (n) of section 19C of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so
18 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words:- “and contiguous”.

19 SECTION 5. Subsection (o) of section 19E of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so
20 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words:- “and contiguous”.

21 SECTION 6. Section 19H of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
22 amended, in line 11, by striking the words:- “and contiguous”.

23 SECTION 7. Section 23 of chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
24 after the second paragraph the following paragraph:- No applicant shall be issued a license under
25 this chapter unless such applicant is, with respect to their character, satisfactory to the licensing
26 authorities.

27 SECTION 8. Section 67 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
28 amended, in line 7, by striking out the word “five” and inserting in place thereof the following
29 words:- ten business.