

HOUSE No. 4473

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman

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 select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> | <i>9/3/2025</i> |
| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i> | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i> | <i>9/3/2025</i> |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i> | <i>24th Middlesex</i> | <i>9/5/2025</i> |

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By Representative Garballey of Arlington and Senator Friedman, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4473) of Sean Garballey and Cindy F. Friedman (by vote of the town) that the town of Arlington be authorized to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. 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 select board of the town of Arlington to place upon a town ballot a question to increase the number of licenses for all alcoholic beverages not 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. Notwithstanding sections 11, 15 and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws,
2 the select board of the town of Arlington may cause to be placed upon the ballot at a town
3 election held in the year 2026 the following question:

4 “Shall the Select Board of the town be authorized to issue 2 additional licenses for the
5 sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises?”

6 Yes _____ No _____”

7 SECTION 2. If a majority of voters voting at the 2026 town election at which the above
8 question appears on the ballot vote “yes” on the question, then the select board of the town of
9 Arlington may issue 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk

10 on the premises, in addition to the 6 licenses that are currently authorized in the town of
11 Arlington for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. The licenses
12 shall be subject to chapter 138 of the General Laws, except as provided in this act.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.