

HOUSE No. 4813

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 8, 2025.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4089) of Richard G. Wells, Jr. (by vote of the town) that the town of Milton be authorized to grant five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4813) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

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

An Act authorizing the town of Milton to grant 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 sections 11 and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws,
2 the licensing authority of the town of Milton may grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 to
4 establishments located within the 5 economic development zones described in subsection (b)
5 upon approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Milton. A
6 license granted under this act shall be clearly marked on its face either “East Milton”,
7 “Central/Milton Village”, “Curry College/Fuller Village”, “Mattapan Station Area” or “Route 28
8 Area” as applicable, and subject to all of said chapter 138 except said sections 11 and 17.

9 (b) The licensing authority shall restrict the licenses authorized in this act to
10 establishments located within either the town’s: (i) “East Milton” district; (ii) “Central/Milton
11 Village” district; (iii) “Curry College/Fuller Village” district; (iv) “Mattapan Station Area”; or
12 (v) “Route 28 Area”; as those areas are designated on a map entitled “Small Business Economic
13 Opportunity Zones – Updated” produced by the town of Milton Engineering Department and

14 dated September 26, 2025, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town clerk of the town
15 of Milton.

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

19 (d) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to
20 this act to a location outside of its initial zoned area as described in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or
21 (v) of subsection (b), but it may grant such license to a new applicant within such initial zoned
22 area if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and
23 a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good
24 standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been
25 paid.

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

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

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