

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 4815

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 8, 2025.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the 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, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4815) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

TACKEY CHAN.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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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 the sale of 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. (a) Notwithstanding sections 11, 11A and 17 of chapter 138 of the General  
2   Laws, and chapter 28 of the acts of 2006, chapter 83 of the acts of 2010, chapter 3 of the acts of  
3   2012 and chapter 310 of the acts of 2018, the select board of the town of Arlington may cause to  
4   be placed upon the ballot at a town election held in the year 2026 the following question:

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

7           Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_”

8           (b) If a majority of voters voting at the 2026 town election at which the question  
9   authorized by subsection (a) appears on the ballot vote ‘yes’ on the question, then the select  
10   board of the town of Arlington may issue 2 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic  
11   beverages not to be drunk on the premises. The licenses shall be subject to chapter 138 of the  
12   General Laws, except as provided in this act.

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