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HOUSE . . . . . No. 5051

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger

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 removing the seating capacity requirements for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/8/2026*
William N. Brownsberger	*Suffolk and Middlesex*	*1/8/2026*

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By Representative Rogers of Cambridge and Senator Brownsberger, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5051) of David M. Rogers and William N. Brownsberger (by vote of the town) relative to removing the seating capacity requirements for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act removing the seating capacity requirements for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in the town of Belmont.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding anything in chapter 128 of the acts of 1997 to the contrary, licenses issued pursuant to such chapter, or authorized pursuant to a ballot question thereunder, may have any number of seats.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding anything in chapter 14 of the acts of 2014 to the contrary, licenses issued pursuant to such chapter, or authorized pursuant to a ballot question thereunder, may have any number of seats.

SECTION 3. Section I of chapter 388 of the acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking out the words "having a seating capacity of not less than 60 and no more than 250 seats".

SECTION 4. Section I of chapter 15 of the acts of 2014 is hereby amended by striking out the words "having a seating capacity of not less than 39 and not more than 125 seats".

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.