

HOUSE No. 5342

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 2026.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4748) of Dennis C. Gallagher (with the approval of the town council) that the town of Bridgewater be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5342) 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 Bridgewater to issue an additional license for the sale of all alcohol 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 section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the
2 licensing authority of the town of Bridgewater may grant an additional license for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on premises pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138 to
4 KOTAK LLC, D/B/A Pages III Beer and Wine located at 233 Broad Street in the town of
5 Bridgewater. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

6 (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license granted under this
7 section to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location
8 if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a
9 letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating the license is in good standing
10 with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

11 (c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this section or any
12 such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of
13 the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the

14 licensing authority may, within 3 years after such return, then grant the license to a new applicant
15 at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this section, otherwise such license
16 shall dissolve.

17 (d) A license granted under this section shall be issued within 2 years after the effective
18 date of this act; provided, however, that license originally granted within that time period may be
19 granted to a new applicant under subsections (b) and (c) thereafter.

20 SECTION 2. Upon the issuance of the license authorized in section 1, the licensee shall
21 return physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the
22 licensing authority, its license for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the
23 premises under section 15 of chapter 138.

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