

HOUSE No. 5659

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kimberly N. Ferguson and Peter J. Durant

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 town of Rutland to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>7/17/2026</i>

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By Representative Ferguson of Holden and Senator Durant, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5659) of Kimberly N. Ferguson (by vote of the town) that the town of Rutland be authorized to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises. 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 town of Rutland to grant one additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off 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 or any
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Rutland may
3 grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises
4 under section 15 of said chapter 138 to Varahi Foods Inc., d/b/a Rutland Market Place, located at
5 26 Pommogusett Road. The license shall be subject to all provisions of said chapter 138 except
6 said section 17.

7 (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to
8 this act to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location
9 if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a
10 letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good

standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

(c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew the license granted under this section or any such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority which may, within 3 years after such return, then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same terms and conditions as specified in this section, otherwise such license shall dissolve.

(d) The license granted under this act shall be issued within 1 year after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that if the license is originally granted within that time period, it may be granted to a new applicant under subsections (b) and (c) thereafter.

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