

HOUSE No. 5688

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 13, 2026.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5481) of David Paul Linsky (by vote of the town) that the town of Wayland be authorized to grant 10 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. 5688) 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 Wayland 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 section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the
2 licensing authority of the town of Wayland may grant 10 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 3 economic development zones as described in subsection (b)
5 upon approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Wayland. A
6 license granted under this act shall be clearly marked on its face either “Route 20”, “East
7 Wayland”, or “Cochituate” as applicable, and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except
8 said section 17.

9 (b) The licensing authority shall restrict the 10 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic
10 beverages to be drunk on the premises authorized in this act as follows: (i) 6 licenses to
11 establishments located within the “Route 20” zone; (ii) 2 licenses to establishments located
12 within the “East Wayland” zone; and (iii) 2 licenses to establishments located within the
13 “Cochituate” zone, as those areas are defined on a map entitled “Town of Wayland Liquor

Licensing Locations” produced by the town of Wayland’s Clerk’s Office and dated August 17, 2026, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town clerk of the town of Wayland.

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

(d) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this act to a location outside of its initially zoned area as described in clause (i), (ii), or (iii) of subsection (b), but it may grant a license to a new applicant within such initial zoned area if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a 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.

(e) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act 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 and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant under the same conditions as specified in this act.

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

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