

HOUSE No. 5690

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 13, 2026.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5602) of Aaron L. Saunders (by vote of the town) that the town of Ludlow be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on premises in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5690) 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 Ludlow 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 Ludlow may grant three 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 town’s Proposed DIF District Boundary zone, as defined in
5 subsection (b), upon approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority for the town
6 of Ludlow. A license granted pursuant to this act shall be clearly marked on its face “DIF District
7 Boundary” and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

8 (b) The licensing authority of the town of Ludlow shall restrict the licenses granted
9 pursuant to this act to establishments located within the Proposed DIF District Boundary zone, as
10 that area is shown on a map titled “State Street / Ludlow Mills Improvement District 2023” and
11 dated August 10, 2026, a copy of which is on file in the office of the town clerk of the town of
12 Ludlow.

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

16 (d) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to
17 this act to a location outside of the zoned area as defined in subsection (b), but it may grant a
18 license to a new applicant within such zoned area if the applicant files with the licensing
19 authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of
20 unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments
21 and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

22 (e) If the licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted pursuant to this act or any
23 such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of
24 the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the
25 licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant under the same conditions as
26 specified in this act.

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

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