

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce J. Ayers*

*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 exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of alcoholic beverages.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:  | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Bruce J. Ayers</i> | <i>1st Norfolk</i> | <i>1/15/2025</i> |

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2703 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of alcoholic beverages.

*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. Section one of Chapter 63A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting in line 9 after the words “veterans organizations” the following phrase:— “or other  
3 fraternal organization”.

4 Chapter 63A of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting the following  
5 section:—

6 Section 6. Section 2 shall not apply to sales of alcoholic beverages made to members of  
7 the organization and their guests if such beverages are served in a lounge or similar area which is  
8 reserved for the exclusive use of such members and guests and which is not otherwise available  
9 for use or hire by the general public. Said section 2 shall also not be effective when sales of  
10 alcoholic beverages are made at special events, gatherings, dinners and ceremonies of the  
11 organization if such sales are made in a lounge or similar area that is ordinarily available for use

- 12 or hire by the general public; provided that the only attendees are members and their duly
- 13 qualified guests.