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SENATE . . . . . No. 225

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lydia Edwards

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 to eliminate "grab-and-go" counters at large events.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Lydia Edwards	*Third Suffolk*	
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*	*3/5/2025*
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	*17th Worcester*	*4/29/2025*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*4/29/2025*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*4/29/2025*
Nick Collins	*First Suffolk*	*4/29/2025*
Steven George Xiarhos	*5th Barnstable*	*6/26/2025*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*6/26/2025*
Bud L. Williams	*11th Hampden*	*9/22/2025*
Lisa Field	*3rd Bristol*	*9/22/2025*

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By Ms. Edwards, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 225) of Lydia Edwards and John F. Keenan for legislation to eliminate "grab-and-go" alcohol sales at large events. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act to eliminate "grab-and-go" counters at large events.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following definition:-

"Venue", any entertainment facility, property, building, structure, or place that is primarily designed and used for live sporting competitions or contests, shows, performances or other entertainment in which the occupancy exceeds over 4,900.

SECTION 2. Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section in line XX after the words " and approve in writing":-

However, no alcoholic beverage shall be sold at any sporting venue, stadium, arena or other venue as defined in this chapter unless such sale is directly conducted and directly supervised by an employee of a holder of the appropriate License issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. Furthermore, no patron of any venue shall gain access to any

13 alcoholic beverage until such sale has been finalized and the beverage has been served to the

14 patron by such an employee."