

**SENATE . . . . . No. 293**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 promoting safety in bars and restaurants.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>11/5/2025</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 293) of John C. Velis for legislation to require establishments that serve alcohol to be drunk on the premises to have lids available. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act promoting safety in bars and restaurants.

*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. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 78 the following section:-

3 Section 79. (a) The following words as used in this section, unless the context clearly  
4 requires otherwise, shall have the following meanings:-

5 “Lid”, a removable cover of any size that attaches to the rim of a beverage. The lid is not  
6 required to fit all containers in which alcoholic beverages are served on the premises but shall fit  
7 at least one.

8 (b) Any establishment which sells alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, shall,  
9 upon request, provide a lid with a customer’s drink. The owner or person in charge of the  
10 respective establishment shall post a notice informing patrons that lids are available in a  
11 prominent and conspicuous location.

SECTION 2. This act shall go into effect 6 months after its enactment.