

SENATE No. 3114

Senate - June 8, 2026 -- Text of Senate amendment (Senator Cyr) to the House bill authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026 (House, No. 5478)

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1 SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, “licensed establishment” shall mean an
2 establishment holding a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages, whether all alcoholic or
3 wines and malt only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to chapter 138 of the General Laws.

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
5 sections 4 and 5, a local licensing authority in a city or town may, on a temporary basis, allow a
6 licensed establishment to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in districts
7 designated pursuant to section 4. Only licensed establishments located within a district
8 designated pursuant to said section 4 may sell alcoholic beverages to be consumed off premises
9 within the district.

10 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
11 section 5, a licensed establishment may, subject to approval of the local licensing authority, sell
12 alcoholic beverages on-premises for 1 additional hour beyond the time set forth in the
13 establishment’s license, but not to exceed 3:00 a.m. until July 31, 2026, subject to any
14 applicable local rules or regulations and any conditions placed upon its license.

15 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, and subject to
16 section 5, a local licensing authority may designate 1 or more districts in the city or town in
17 which alcoholic beverages are permitted to be consumed off premises, in public spaces, subject
18 to such restrictions as the city or town may deem appropriate and only through September 7,
19 2026. Alcohol consumed within a district designated pursuant to this section, shall be limited to
20 alcoholic beverages sold by participating licensed establishments located within such designated
21 district.

22 SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed to permit a licensed establishment to
23 sell any type or category of alcohol beyond the type or category of alcohol that the licensed
24 establishment is permitted to sell under the license issued to it by the local licensing authority
25 pursuant to section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws.