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# SENATE . . . . . No. 3261

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Joanne M. Comerford and Susannah M. Whipps***

*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 authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| *Joanne M. Comerford* | *Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester* | |
| *Susannah M. Whipps* | *2nd Franklin* | *8/12/2026* |

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By Ms. Comerford and Ms. Whipps of Athol, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 3261) of Joanne M. Comerford and Susannah M. Whipps (with approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Greenfield to grant an additional liquor license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the city of Greenfield to grant an additional liquor license 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:*

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the city of Greenfield may grant 1 additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 to the Bear's Den and Gleason Ventures LLC, located at 5 Bank Row, in the city of Greenfield. The license granted pursuant to this section shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

(b) A license granted under this section shall only be exercised in the dining room of a common victualler and such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

(c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license granted pursuant to this act to any other location, but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

(d) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this section or any such license is canceled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority which may, within 1 year after such return, then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same conditions as specified in this section, otherwise such license shall dissolve.

(e) The license granted under this act shall be issued within 1 year after the effective date of this act; provided, however, that if the license is originally granted within that time period, it may be granted to a new applicant under subsections (c) and (d) thereafter.

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