

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

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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:

*John C. Velis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden and Hampshire*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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.

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