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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to place a certain question relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages on the town's election ballot.

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. Notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority in the Town of Wellesley may grant to restaurants and function rooms, with seating capacities of fifty or more, licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises under section 12 of said chapter 138, subject to the maximum number of such licenses as authorized by Section 17.

SECTION 2. In addition to those licenses authorized pursuant to Section 1, notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority in the Town of Wellesley may grant to restaurants and function rooms, with seating capacities of fifty or more, not more than six licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be consumed on the premises.

SECTION 3. The authority to grant licenses authorized by Sections 1 and 2 shall be in addition to those licenses authorized by Chapter 635 of the Acts of 1982.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws as to the time and manner of voting on the question, this act shall be submitted for its acceptance to the qualified voters of the Town of Wellesley at an annual or special town election following the effective date of this act in the form of the following question:-

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2012, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Wellesley to grant certain establishments licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises', be accepted?"

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, this act shall take effect in the Town of Wellesley, but not otherwise.

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23 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.