

**Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure  
2025-2026 (194<sup>th</sup>) Bill Summary**

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**BILL NUMBER:** H353

**TITLE:** An Act relative to retail alcohol license caps

**SPONSOR(S):** Cusack, Mark J.

**HEARING DATE:** May 12, 2025

**REPORTING  
DEADLINE:** July 11, 2025

**CURRENT LAW**

Section 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws regulates off premises alcohol consumption sales in the Commonwealth. No person or entity may hold ownership in more than 9 such licenses; nor be granted more than one such license in a town or two in a city.

**SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to gradually raise the amount of retail liquor licenses that can be held by one entity in the Commonwealth from 9 to 11 in 2027, then from 11 to 13 in 2029, then from 13 to 15 in 2031.