

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

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**BILL NUMBER:** H466

**TITLE:** An Act authorizing the town of Palmer to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages

**SPONSOR(S):** Rep. Smola & Sen. Oliveira

**HEARING DATE:** May 12, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** July 11, 2025

**CURRENT LAW**

Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws regulates on premises alcohol consumption sales in the Commonwealth.

Section 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws regulates off premises alcohol consumption sales in the Commonwealth.

Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws regulates the number of available alcoholic beverages sales licenses within each city or town. The number of licenses available within each city or town is based on population and set by a statutory formula provided under this section.

**SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to grant 5 additional liquor licenses to the town of Palmer; three for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises, and 2 for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be consumed off the premises; all directed to specific addressed locations.