

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

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**BILL NUMBER:** H478

**TITLE:** An Act relative to the sale of malt beverages produced by a pub brewery

**SPONSOR(S):** Rep. Zlotnik & Rep. Ferguson

**HEARING DATE:** May 12, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** July 11, 2025

**PRIOR HISTORY**

(2021-2022): H475 – Accompanied a new draft, H4590, reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling; Read second and ordered to a third reading.

(2023-2024): H401 – Bill reported favorably by Committee and referred to the committee on House Steering, Policy and Scheduling; Read second and ordered to a third reading.

**CURRENT LAW**

Section 19D of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws governs the licensing and oversight of pub breweries. Subsection (g) of said section authorizes a licensed pub brewer to sell at wholesale malt beverages produced by the pub brewery or for the pub brewery sold under the pub brewery name to duly licensed wholesalers and importers, certain churches, hospitals, food and drug manufacturers, and non-prohibited out of state or country actors.

**SUMMARY**

This legislation seeks to expand the ability of pub breweries to sell their products to include wholesaling to restaurants and package stores to be resold (under 50,000 gallons); and at retail to consumers for consumption off the premises.