

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

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**BILL NUMBER:** H3906

**TITLE:** An Act authorizing the town of Somerset to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises

**SPONSOR(S):** Thurber, Justin

**HEARING DATE:** June 23, 2025

**REPORTING DEADLINE:** August 22, 2025

**CURRENT LAW**

Section 12 of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts 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 authorize the town of Somerset to grant 1 additional license for the “retail sale of wine and malt beverages” to the establishment located at 2756 County Street.