

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

BILL NUMBER: H439

TITLE: An Act relative to alcohol purchasing discounts

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PRIOR HISTORY

(2021-2022): H454 - Accompanied a study order, see H4880.

(2023-2024): H385 - Accompanied a study order, see H4680.

CURRENT LAW

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

Section 25A of said chapter prohibits discrimination in prices and discounts for time of payment or in quantity on alcohol sales among wholesalers and retailers.

SUMMARY

This legislation seeks to allow entities with more than one section 15 license to combine the alcohol purchases of those licensees in order to access wholesale and bulk pricing. It also seeks to allow such license holders to enter into a cooperative agreement to bulk purchase alcohol for the same purpose.