

HOUSE No. 220

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John J. Lawn, Jr.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to in-house cafes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Lawn of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 220) of John J. Lawn, Jr., Denise Provost and Chris Walsh relative to in-house cafes connected to establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to in-house cafes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 15 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 42, the words "or connected
3 therewith" and replacing with the following:-

4 , notwithstanding that the same can be connected to a premises licensed hereunder, so
5 long as the connection between, and design of, the two locations so licensed, including interior
6 connections, which shall be allowed, clearly delineates the two premises in such a way as to
7 make the boundaries of each licensed premises clearly separate and identifiable to customers,
8 liquor distributors and regulatory authorities, and enables the respective licensees to maintain
9 control of the licensed area, egress, and the sale, storage and service of alcoholic beverages, and
10 otherwise in conformity with all sections of this chapter.

11 SECTION 2. Section 17 of chapter 139 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the 2012
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "chapter" in line 176 the
13 following:-

14 , but this prohibition shall not preclude a person from holding an ownership interest in
15 more than one business entity, registered with the Secretary of the Commonwealth or another
16 state's equivalent, holding a license granted pursuant to section 12 and section 15 of this chapter.