

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3718**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 6, 2015.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3633) of William C. Galvin (by vote of the town) that the town of Canton be authorized to issue additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages and for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3718) ought to pass.

For the committee,

JENNIFER E. BENSON

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act authorizing the town of Canton to grant additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

*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. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any  
2 other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Canton may  
3 grant 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, or the sale of wines and malt  
4 beverages only, to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12, subject to the conditions set  
5 forth in this act and the provisions of said section 12 concerning fees for original issuance of  
6 licenses and renewal of licenses.

7           (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of any license granted under  
8 this act to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location  
9 if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a  
10 letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good  
11 standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been  
12 paid.

13           (c) If a license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be  
14 returned physically, with all legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the  
15 licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at  
16 the same location under the same conditions as specified in this act.

17           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding section 77 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
18 licensing authority of the town of Canton may, after a hearing, cancel or revoke any license for  
19 the sale of alcoholic beverages issued in the town of Canton, whether the license was issued  
20 pursuant to this act or otherwise, that is not in active use and is not being used to serve the public  
21 for a period of time of 6 months measured from the date the licensee stops serving the public.

22           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.