

HOUSE No. 3898

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 16, 2021.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3822) of Joseph D. McKenna (by vote of the town) that the town of Webster be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3898) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

TACKEY CHAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing the town of Webster to grant additional liquor licenses.

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 Webster may
3 grant two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises
4 under section 12 of said chapter 138, and two additional licenses for the sale of wine and malt
5 beverages to be drunk on the premises under said section 12 of said chapter 138 to
6 establishments located within the town’s “B-4 General Business” district, as that district is
7 defined by the town’s zoning map, as it existed as of December 10, 2018, upon approval of and
8 under the conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Webster. Licenses granted
9 pursuant to this act shall be clearly marked on its face “B-4 General Business” and shall be
10 subject to all of said chapter 138, except said section 17.

11 (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted
12 under this act to a location outside of the town’s B-4 General Business district, but it may grant a
13 license to a new applicant within the B-4 General Business district if the applicant files with the
14 licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of

15 unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments
16 and that all applicable taxes, fees, and contributions have been paid.

17 (c) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this act or any
18 such license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, the license shall be
19 returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to
20 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant
21 in the town's B-4 General Business district under the same conditions as specified in this act.

22 (d) A license granted under this act shall only be exercised in the dining room of a
23 Common Victualer and in such other public rooms or areas as may be deemed reasonable and
24 appropriate by the licensing authority as certified in writing.

25 (e) All licenses granted under this act shall be issued within 3 years after the
26 effective date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time
27 period may be granted to a new applicant under subsections (b) or (c) thereafter.

28 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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