

HOUSE No. 4402

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act allowing the town of Sharon to grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not 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 sections 11 and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws
2 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the town of Sharon
3 may grant four licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises,
4 under section 15 of said chapter 138. Except as otherwise provided herein, such licenses shall be
5 subject to all of said chapter 138 except section 17.

6 (b) Such licensed premises must be located in the Business District A, Business District
7 B, Business D District or the Light Industrial District, provided that such use is allowed by right
8 or by special permit in such applicable zoning district. The amount of any initial or renewal fee
9 for such license shall be determined by the licensing authority issuing or renewing that license.

10 (c) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license granted under this
11 section to any other location but it may grant the license to a new applicant at the same location
12 if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a
13 letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good

14 standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been
15 paid.

16 (d) If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted under this section or any
17 such license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be returned physically, with all of
18 the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority, and the
19 licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the
20 same conditions as specified in this section.

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

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