

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4552**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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 Dracut to grant four 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, the  
2 licensing authority of the town of Dracut may grant 2 additional licenses for the sale of all  
3 alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138, to  
4 establishments located within the town’s B-3 business district, as that district is defined by the  
5 town’s zoning map, as it existed as of November 3, 2015, upon approval of and under conditions  
6 set by the licensing authority of the town. A license granted pursuant to this section shall be  
7 clearly marked on its face “B-3 business district” and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138  
8 except said section 17.

9           (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to  
10 this section to any other location outside of the town’s B-3 business district, but it may grant a  
11 license to a new applicant within the B-3 business district if the applicant files with the licensing  
12 authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of

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

15 (c) If a license granted pursuant to this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it  
16 shall be returned physically, with all legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to  
17 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant  
18 in the town's B-3 business district under the same conditions as specified in this section.

19 SECTION 2. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
20 licensing authority of the town of Dracut may grant one additional license for the sale of all  
21 alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138, to  
22 establishments located within the town's B-4 business district, as that district is defined by the  
23 town's zoning map, as it existed as of November 3, 2015, upon approval of and under conditions  
24 set by the licensing authority of the town. The license granted pursuant to this section shall be  
25 clearly marked on its face "B-4 business district" and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138  
26 except said section 17.

27 (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to  
28 this act to any other location outside of the town's B-4 business district, but it may grant a  
29 license to a new applicant within the B-4 business district if the applicant files with the licensing  
30 authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of  
31 unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments  
32 and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

33 (c) If the license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it  
34 shall be returned physically, with all legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to

35 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant  
36 in the town's B-4 business district under the same conditions as specified in this section.

37 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the  
38 licensing authority of the town of Dracut may grant one additional licenses for the sale of all  
39 alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138, to  
40 establishments located within the town's B-5 business district, as that district is defined by the  
41 town's zoning map, as it existed as of November 3, 2015, upon approval of and under conditions  
42 set by the licensing authority of the town. The license granted pursuant to this section shall be  
43 clearly marked on its face "B-5 business district" and shall be subject to all of said chapter 138  
44 except said section 17.

45 (b) The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to  
46 this section to any location outside of the town's B-5 business district, but it may grant a license  
47 to a new applicant within the B-5 business district if the applicant files with the licensing  
48 authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of  
49 unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments  
50 and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

51 (c) If the license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it  
52 shall be returned physically, with all legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to  
53 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant  
54 in the town's B-5 business district under the same conditions as specified in this section.

55 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.