

HOUSE No. 4594

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, August 29, 2016.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4546) of Timothy R. Madden and Daniel A. Wolf (by vote of the town) that the town of Tisbury be authorized to grant additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4594) ought to pass [Local Approval Received].

For the committee,

JENNIFER E. BENSON.

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

An Act authorizing the board of selectmen of the town of Tisbury to grant licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to certain restaurants.

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. Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2009 is hereby amended by striking out section
2 2 and inserting the following 3 sections:-

3 Section 2. Notwithstanding sections 11, 11A, and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws
4 or any other general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen of the town of Tisbury
5 may place upon the official ballot at the next state election or annual town election following the
6 effective date of this act, the following question: “Shall the board of selectmen of the town of
7 Tisbury be authorized to convert licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on
8 the premises under the provisions of section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, originally
9 granted or authorized pursuant to section 1 of chapter 187 of the acts of 2009, to licenses for the
10 sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises to restaurants, including restaurants
11 within inns and hotels, with seating capacities of not less than 30 persons, to be consumed with
12 meals only, and only to patrons who are seated at dining tables, and to grant seasonal licenses for
13 the same as the selectmen may determine?”

14 If a majority of votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the town shall be
15 authorized to convert current licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the
16 premises that have been granted pursuant to section 1 prior to the effective date of this section to
17 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, under the same
18 conditions specified in said section 1 and to grant seasonal licenses for the same. The board of
19 selectmen may from time to time issue regulations for the granting of licenses under this act and
20 to define terms appropriate for that purpose.

21 Section 3. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question in section 2 is in the
22 affirmative, the town of Tisbury may thereafter grant any of the 19 licenses originally authorized
23 pursuant to section 1 as licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the
24 premises, which have not been granted prior to the effective date of this act, as licenses for the
25 sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises subject to the conditions specified in
26 said section 1; provided, however, that there shall be no more than 19 total licenses granted
27 pursuant to this act.

28 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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