

HOUSE No. 4770

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the town of Reading to grant licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 11 of Chapter 138 of the General
2 Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the Town of
3 Reading shall be authorized under said Chapter 138 to grant licenses, for the sale of all alcoholic
4 beverages and wine or malt beverages only, pursuant to Section 12 of said Chapter 138; and to
5 grant licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages pursuant to Section 15 of said Chapter 138.

6 SECTION 2. In addition to any licenses authorized by Chapter 459 of the Acts of 2010 or
7 other special law, licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages may be granted pursuant to
8 Section 12 and Section 15 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws as provided in the first full
9 paragraph of Section 17 of said Chapter 138; and licenses, for the sale of wine and malt
10 beverages only, may be granted pursuant to Section 12 of said Chapter as provided in the second
11 full paragraph of Section 17 of said Chapter 138.

12 SECTION 3. Any license granted for the sale of alcoholic beverages prior to the effective
13 date of this Act shall remain in full force and effect and shall be included in any determination,

14 pursuant to Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, of the number of licenses allowed to
15 be granted by the Town of Reading; provided that the licensee continues to comply with said
16 Chapter 138 and the terms and conditions of its license.