

SENATE No. 2244

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)
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SENATE, Thursday, April 28, 2016

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 125) of William N. Brownsberger for legislation relative to the sale of wine,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2244).

For the committee,
Barbara A. L'Italien

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An Act relative to the sale of wine in private clubs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12 and 23, and 41 of Chapter 138 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, or any municipal rule or ordinance, any
3 member of a licensed, club may bring wine to be consumed on premises with a meal purchased
4 therein, not to exceed quantities allowed at unlicensed establishments by the Commission, unless
5 the club objects, which it may do in its sole discretion. At all times the establishment shall
6 control the dispensing of wine in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and may
7 refuse to pour wine for any or all patrons for any or no reason, regardless of whether bottles are
8 opened or unopened. Unopened bottles shall be returned to the patron who will remove them
9 from the premises at the conclusion of the event, and open bottles shall be returned in accordance
10 with applicable laws and regulations. The club may set and charge a reasonable corkage fee per
11 bottle of wine opened pursuant to this section, which amount shall be added to the patron's meal
12 expense.