

HOUSE No. 339

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to alcohol purchasing discounts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jeffrey N. Roy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Norfolk

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By Mr. Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 339) of Jeffrey N. Roy relative to alcohol purchasing discounts. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to alcohol purchasing discounts.

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. Section 25A of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing in the
2 2018 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (b) An individual, partnership or corporation that is granted, in the aggregate, two or
4 more licenses under section 15 may combine the alcoholic beverages purchases of up to 9 such
5 licenses for the purpose of attaining a quantity discount offered by a wholesaler licensed under
6 section 18.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
8 is hereby amended by adding the following new section:-

9 Section 15G. Cooperative purchasing agreements.

10 Any three or more license holders under section 15, but no more than seven such license
11 holders, or the maximum number of licenses one licensee is allowed to hold under section 15,
12 not to exceed 9 in the aggregate, may enter into a cooperative agreement to make joint purchases

13 of alcoholic beverages in larger quantities than might otherwise be purchased for the purpose of
14 attaining a quantity discount offered by a wholesaler licensed under Section 18; provided further
15 that all alcoholic beverages purchased pursuant to any such agreement shall be distributed to
16 none other than each licensee who is a party to such agreement.