

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3715**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford***

*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 authorizing the City of Northampton to grant seven (7) over quota licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2023</i>

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton and Senator Comerford, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3715) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Joanne M. Comerford (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Northampton be authorized to grant seven licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises in said town. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act authorizing the City of Northampton to grant seven (7) over quota licenses for the sale of all 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. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other  
2 general or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the City of Northampton may  
3 grant seven (7) additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the  
4 premises, under section 12 of said chapter 138, to seven entities deemed appropriate by the  
5 licensing authority of the City of Northampton. The licenses shall be subject to all of said chapter  
6 138, except said section 17.

7           The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted pursuant to this  
8 act nor shall a license be marketed for sale, sold or pledged to any other entity or location. For  
9 purposes of this paragraph, a conveyance or transfer of more than forty-nine percent interest in  
10 the entity holding the license shall constitute a sale of the license. Violation of this paragraph

11 shall, after due notice and public hearing, be grounds for revocation of the license issued  
12 hereunder.

13           If a license granted pursuant to this act is canceled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be  
14 returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to  
15 the licensing authority of the City of Northampton, which may then grant the license to a new  
16 applicant at the same location or new location in the city under the same conditions as specified  
17 in this act. The applicant for a license returned to the licensing authority shall file with the  
18 licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of  
19 unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments  
20 and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

21           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.