

HOUSE No. 3796

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 7, 2015.

The committee on the Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 214) of Peter V. Kocot and Stanley C. Rosenberg relative to certain establishments with alcoholic beverages in the city of Northampton, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3796) 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 city of Northampton to issue five above quota annual all-alcohol restaurant licenses.

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, and in
2 addition to any authorized by existing special legislation, the licensing authority of the city of
3 Northampton may issue 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk
4 on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138 to the following establishments: (i)
5 Healthy Karma, LLC d/b/a Hinge located at 48 Main street; (ii) RIAS BAIXAS LLC d/b/a Ibiza
6 Tapas located at 7 Strong avenue; (ii) Local Burger LLC d/b/a Local Burger located at 16 Main
7 street; (iv) OBCT Inc., d/b/a Sierra Grill located at 41 Strong avenue; and (v) Sylvester's Fine
8 Foods, Inc., d/b/a/ Sylvester's Restaurant located at 111 Pleasant street. The licenses authorized
9 hereunder shall be subject to all of the provisions of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

10 SECTION 2. The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of a license granted
11 pursuant to this act to a location outside of the town’s central business district or the florence
12 business district, as those districts are defined by the zoning business map, as it existed as of
13 September 21, 2015, upon approval of and under conditions set by the licensing authority of the

14 town. A license issued under this act shall be clearly marked on its face “Central Business
15 District Only” or “Florence Business District Only”.

16 If a license issued pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use by an
17 original licensee hereunder, the license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights,
18 privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority of the city of
19 Northampton, which may then issue the license to a new applicant within the city’s central
20 business district or florence business district under the same conditions as specified under this
21 act; provided, that the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of
22 revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license
23 is in good standing with those entities and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have
24 been paid.

25 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.