

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3969**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christine P. Barber*

*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 Somerville to appoint an alternate member to the Licensing Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/27/2023</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3969) of Christine P. Barber (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Somerville be authorized to appoint an alternate member to the licensing commission of said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to appoint an alternate member to the Licensing Commission.

*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 4 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other  
2 general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the City of Somerville may appoint an  
3 alternate member to the licensing commission.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1923, as amended by chapter 190 of the acts of  
5 1939 and chapter 419 of the acts of 2018 is hereby further amended as follows: Section 3 of  
6 chapter 410 of the acts of 2018 is amended by inserting after the word persons the following -  
7 “and one alternate member”

8           SECTION 3. Section 3 of chapter 410 of the acts of 2018 is further amended by inserting  
9 the following provisions: The alternate member shall sit on the various cases where the alternate  
10 may fulfill the obligations of any member incapacitated by conflict of interest, inability to act, or  
11 absence. For the purposes of deliberations, the alternate may participate in any discussion on any

12 matters before the commission regardless of whether the alternate will be designated to vote on  
13 the particular matter.

14 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.