

HOUSE No. 4116

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 20, 2021.

The committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3890) of Claire D. Cronin and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) that the town of Easton be authorized to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4116) ought to pass.

For the committee,

TACKEY CHAN.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing the town of Easton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

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. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the
2 licensing authority of the town of Easton may grant an additional license for the sale of all
3 alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 15 of said chapter 138 to
4 establishments located within the town’s Five Corners Development District, as that district is
5 defined in the town’s zoning map, as it existed as of January 31, 2019, upon approval of and
6 under conditions set by the licensing authority of the town of Easton. A license granted under
7 this act shall be clearly marked on its face “Five Corners Development District” and shall be
8 subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17.

9 (b) The licensing authority of the town of Easton shall restrict the licenses granted
10 pursuant to this section to establishments within the Five Corners Development District, which
11 shall comprise the area located on the northerly and southerly parcels along Route 106 from
12 Twin Brooks Drive to Greenwood Village Street.

13 (c) The licensing authority of the town of Easton shall not approve the transfer of a
14 license granted under this act to a location outside of the town's Five Corners Development
15 District, but it may grant such license as initially issued to a new applicant within such Five
16 Corners Development District if the applicant files with the local licensing authority a letter from
17 the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance
18 indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable
19 taxes, fees and contributions have been paid.

20 (d) A license granted pursuant to this section shall not be sold or transferred by the
21 licensee. If a licensee terminates or fails to renew a license granted pursuant to this section or if
22 any such license granted under this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be
23 returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to
24 the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant
25 in the town's Five Corners Development District under the same conditions specified in this act.

26 (e) A license granted under this section shall be issued within 3 years after the effective
27 date of this act; provided, however, that a license originally granted within that time period may
28 be granted to a new applicant pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) thereafter.

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