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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives,

Pursuant to Article LVI, as amended by Article XC, Section 3 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning to you for amendment House Bill No. 199, "An Act Further Regulating the Recorking of Wine."

This bill would amend the law governing entities licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. It was intended to permit taverns, clubs and war veterans' organizations to recork and send home with guests wine bottles that they purchased but did not finish drinking on site. It reflects an existing law granting such authorization to hotels, restaurants and continuing care retirement communities. As enacted, however, this bill inadvertently includes language that makes less certain which entities are granted the authorization to send patrons home with their partially consumed, resealed bottles of wine.

To ensure that this bill grants the intended authorization to the taverns, clubs and war veterans' organizations, I recommend that House Bill No. 199 be amended by striking out, in line 6, the words "the holder of".

Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Governor