

HOUSE No. 4874

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn and Adam Gomez

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 known as the town of West Springfield to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>5/24/2022</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>5/24/2022</i>

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By Representative Finn of West Springfield and Senator Gomez, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4874) of Michael J. Finn and Adam Gomez (with the approval of the mayor and town council) that the city known as the town of West Springfield be authorized to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of 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-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act authorizing the city known as the town of West Springfield to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of 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. (a) For purposes of this act, the word “map” shall refer to the map entitled
2 “West Springfield Proposed Liquor License Area,” dated March 2022, a copy of which is on file
3 in the office of the town clerk,

4 (b) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general
5 or special law to the contrary, the licensing authority of the city known as the town of West
6 Springfield may grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on
7 the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138, subject to the following conditions:

8 (1) Five additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be restricted to the
9 area identified as the “Economic Opportunity Zone,” the boundaries of which are shown on the
10 map.

11 (2) Two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be restricted to the
12 area identified as the “Route 20 Business Corridor,” the boundaries of which are shown on the
13 map.

14 (c) The licenses issued pursuant to subsection (b) shall be subject to all of said chapter
15 138 except said section 17.

16 SECTION 2. (a) Once a license is granted pursuant to this act, the licensing authority
17 shall not approve the transfer of the license to any other location or area, but it may grant the
18 license to a new applicant under the same conditions as specified in this act if the applicant files
19 with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the
20 department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those
21 departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid. No license
22 granted hereunder may be sold or otherwise transferred for financial consideration,

23 (b) If a license granted pursuant to this act is canceled, revoked or no longer in use, it
24 shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining
25 thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new
26 applicant under the same conditions specified in this act.

27 (c) Notwithstanding sections 12 and 15 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, a license
28 issued pursuant to this act may be subject to an initial acquisition fee in an amount to be
29 determined by the city known as the town of West Springfield which shall be in addition to any
30 existing annual license fee applicable in the city known as the town of West Springfield for the
31 sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on premises. The initial acquisition fee shall be due

32 and payable upon the original issuance of the license and also upon the issuance of a license to a
33 new applicant pursuant to this act.

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