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So much of the recommendations of the Department of the State Treasurer (House, No. 27) as relates to authorizing charity alcohol auctions. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act authorizing charity alcohol auctions.

*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. Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

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4           Section 12D. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the local  
5 licensing authority in a city or town that votes to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of  
6 alcoholic beverages may grant temporary licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk  
7 on the premises to applicants that are nonprofit charitable corporations organized under chapter  
8 180 and registered with the non-profit organizations and public charities division of the office of  
9 the attorney general.

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11           Each such temporary license shall describe the premises to which it applies and shall be  
12 granted only for the premises that are the principal place of business or headquarters of the

13 applicant and that are legally zoned to allow such sales, or that are the premises of a licensee  
14 under section 12. The temporary license shall not be valid for more than 10 consecutive calendar  
15 days and a holder of any such temporary license shall not be granted more than 2 such licenses in  
16 a calendar year. A holder of a temporary license under this subsection shall be permitted to  
17 conduct such sales on any day and at any time permitted under said section 12. Any alcoholic  
18 beverages sold under this subsection shall be donated at no charge to the license holder and any  
19 alcoholic beverages donated may be dispensed by the employees or agents of the donors of such  
20 beverages, without compensation for the dispensing services. All proceeds from such sales shall  
21 be used for the license holder's charitable purpose.

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23 The fee for the temporary license shall not exceed the minimum fee provided for holders  
24 of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. The application procedures under section 15A shall not  
25 apply to temporary licenses under this subsection; provided, however, that such applications may  
26 be granted by the local licensing authority according to the local procedures for granting licenses  
27 under section 14.

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29 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the local licensing  
30 authority in a city or town that votes to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of alcoholic  
31 beverages may grant temporary licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the  
32 premises, to joint applicants that consist of not less than 1 nonprofit charitable corporation  
33 organized under chapter 180 and registered with the non-profit organizations and public charities  
34 division of the office of the attorney general and a licensee under section 12.

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36           The temporary license shall describe the premises to which it applies and shall be granted  
37 only for the premises of the joint applicant that is a licensee under said section 12. The temporary  
38 license shall not be valid for more than 10 consecutive calendar days and a holder of any such  
39 temporary license shall not be granted more than 2 such licenses in a calendar year. A holder of a  
40 temporary license under this subsection shall be permitted to conduct such sales on any day and  
41 at any time permitted under said section 12. Any alcoholic beverages sold under this section shall  
42 be donated at no charge to the license holder and any alcoholic beverages donated may be  
43 dispensed by the employees or agents of the donor of such beverages without compensation for  
44 the dispensing services. A majority of the proceeds from such sales shall be used for the  
45 charitable corporation license holder's charitable purposes.

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47           The fee for such temporary license shall not exceed the minimum fee provided for  
48 holders of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages at retail. The application procedures under section  
49 15A shall not apply to such temporary licenses under this subsection; provided, however, that  
50 such applications may be granted by the local licensing authority according to the local  
51 procedures for granting licenses under section 14.

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53           SECTION 2. Section 14 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
54 striking the second paragraph in its entirety.

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56 SECTION 3. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section  
57 14A, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
58 section:-

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60 Section 14A. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the licensing  
61 authority in any city or town that votes to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages may grant  
62 licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages at auctions, not to be drunk on the premises, to an  
63 applicant that is licensed as an auctioneer pursuant to chapter 100 for not less than 10 years. Each  
64 license shall describe the premises to which it applies and shall be granted only for the premises  
65 which are either the principal place of business or headquarters of the applicant and legally  
66 zoned to allow such sales or which are the premises of a licensee under section 12 or section 15.  
67 The fee for the license shall not exceed the minimum fee for holders of licenses under section 14.  
68 A holder of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages at auctions may conduct any such  
69 auction on any day and at any time permitted under section 12. Applications shall be granted by  
70 the licensing authority according to the local procedure for granting licenses under said section  
71 14.

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73 A licensee who holds a license under this section may provide, without charge, on-  
74 premises sample alcoholic beverages tastings for prospective customers if such beverages shall  
75 be available for sale at auction on those premises; provided, however, that no single serving of  
76 wine shall exceed 1 ounce, no single serving of malt beverages shall exceed 3 ounces and no

77 single serving of distilled spirits shall exceed 1/4 of an ounce; and provided further, that the  
78 licensee shall control the dispensing of the alcoholic beverages.

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80 (b) The local licensing authority in a city or town that votes to authorize the granting of  
81 licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages may grant temporary licenses for the sale of alcoholic  
82 beverages at auction not to be drunk on the premises to applicants that are nonprofit charitable  
83 corporations organized under chapter 180 and registered with the non-profit organizations and  
84 public charities division of the office of the attorney general.

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86 Each such temporary license shall describe the premises to which the license applies and  
87 shall be granted only for premises that are the principal place of business or headquarters of the  
88 applicant, or a location owned or leased by the applicant from which the applicant regularly  
89 conducts business and which are legally zoned to allow such sales, or which are the premises of a  
90 licensee under section 12 or 15.

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92 No such temporary licenses shall be valid for more than 10 consecutive calendar days and  
93 a holder of a temporary license shall not be granted more than 5 licenses in a calendar year. A  
94 holder of a temporary license under this subsection may conduct such auctions on any day and at  
95 any time permitted under said section 12. Any alcoholic beverages sold under this section shall  
96 be donated at no charge to the license holder and all proceeds from such sales shall be used for  
97 the license holder's charitable purposes.

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99           The fee for a temporary license under this subsection shall not exceed the minimum fee  
100 provided for holders of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages at retail. The application procedures  
101 under section 15A shall not apply to temporary licenses under this subsection; provided,  
102 however, that such applications may be granted by the local licensing authority according to the  
103 local procedures for the granting licenses under section 14.

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105           (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the local licensing  
106 authority in a city or town which votes to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of  
107 alcoholic beverages may grant temporary licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages at auctions,  
108 not to be drunk on the premises, to applicants that are licensees under section 15 of chapter 138.

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110           Each such temporary license shall describe the premises to which it applies and shall be  
111 granted only for premises that are the principal place of business or headquarters of the applicant  
112 and which are legally zoned to allow such sales or which are the premises of a licensee under  
113 said section 15. The temporary license shall not be valid for more than 10 consecutive calendar  
114 days and a holder of any such temporary license shall not be granted more than 2 such temporary  
115 licenses in a calendar year. A holder of a temporary license under this subsection shall be  
116 permitted to conduct such auctions on any day and at any time permitted under said section 15.

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118           The fee for the temporary license shall not exceed the minimum fee provided for holders  
119 of licenses to sell alcoholic beverages at retail. The application procedures under section 15A  
120 shall not apply to temporary licenses under this subsection; provided, however, that such  
121 applications may be granted by the local licensing authority according to the local procedures for  
122 granting licenses under section 14.

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124           (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the local licensing  
125 authority in a city or town which votes to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of an  
126 alcoholic beverage may grant temporary licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages at auction  
127 not to be drunk on the premises to joint applicants which consist of not less than 1 nonprofit  
128 charitable corporation organized under chapter 180 and registered with the non-profit  
129 organizations and public charities division of the office of the attorney general and a licensee  
130 under section 12 or 15.

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132           The temporary license shall describe the premises to which it applies and shall be granted  
133 only for the premises of the joint applicant that is a licensee under said section 12 or 15. The  
134 temporary license shall not be valid for more than 10 consecutive calendar days and a holder of  
135 any such temporary license shall not be granted more than 2 such licenses in a calendar year. A  
136 holder of a temporary license under this subsection shall be permitted to conduct such sales on  
137 any day and at any time permitted under said section 12. Any alcoholic beverages sold under this  
138 subsection shall be donated at no charge to the license holder. A majority of the proceeds from  
139 such sales shall be used for the charitable corporation license holder's charitable purposes.

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141           The fee for such temporary license shall not exceed the minimum fee provided for  
142 holders of licenses to alcoholic beverages at retail. The application procedures under section 15A  
143 shall not apply to such temporary licenses under this subsection; provided, however, that such  
144 applications may be granted by the local licensing authority according to the local procedures for  
145 granting licenses under section 14.

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147           SECTION 4. Chapter 153 of the acts of 1997, as most recently amended by chapter 405  
148 of the acts of 2012, is hereby repealed.