

SENATE No. 2730**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 to address challenges faced by restaurants and other establishments due to COVID-19.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Paul R. Feeney</i> | <i>Bristol and Norfolk</i> | |
| <i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>5/13/2020</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | <i>First Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>5/15/2020</i> |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i> | <i>1st Worcester</i> | <i>5/15/2020</i> |
| <i>F. Jay Barrows</i> | <i>1st Bristol</i> | <i>5/15/2020</i> |
| <i>Eric P. Lesser</i> | <i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Julian Cyr</i> | <i>Cape and Islands</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Cindy F. Friedman</i> | <i>Fourth Middlesex</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>James T. Welch</i> | <i>Hampden</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Cynthia Stone Creem</i> | <i>First Middlesex and Norfolk</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Barry R. Finegold</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>5/18/2020</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> | <i>5/19/2020</i> |
| <i>Diana DiZoglio</i> | <i>First Essex</i> | <i>5/19/2020</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> | <i>5/19/2020</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>5/20/2020</i> |

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| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i> | <i>5/20/2020</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>5/21/2020</i> |
| <i>Brendan P. Crighton</i> | <i>Third Essex</i> | <i>5/21/2020</i> |
| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i> | <i>5/26/2020</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i> | <i>8th Worcester</i> | <i>5/26/2020</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>5/27/2020</i> |
| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> | <i>5/27/2020</i> |

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2730) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Feeney, Elizabeth A. Poirier, Bruce E. Tarr, Kimberly N. Ferguson and other members of the General Court for legislation to address challenges faced by restaurants and other establishments due to COVID-19. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act to address challenges faced by restaurants and other establishments due to COVID-19.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, the local
2 licensing authorities (LLA) in any city or town which votes to authorize the granting of licenses
3 for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, and such authorities in any city or town which votes to
4 authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages only, may grant
5 approval for a change in the description of a licensed premises as the LLA may deem reasonable
6 and proper, and issue an amended license to existing license holders, for the purpose of outdoor
7 alcohol service. Upon approval of an amended license, the LLA shall forward notification of the
8 amended license to The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC). The ABCC may,
9 within ten days of the passage of this act, promulgate regulations consistent with this act and
10 issue updated guidance to local licensing authorities.

11 SECTION 2. Amended licenses issued by local licensing authorities as a result of this act
12 shall automatically revert to their status prior to the approval of the change in the description of a
13 licensed premises, on November 1st, 2020

14 SECTION 3. This act shall expire November 1st, 2020.