

Chapter 196
of the Acts of 2022

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court

AN ACT REGARDING LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES IN THE TOWN OF TISBURY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding sections 11, 11A and 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen of the town of Tisbury may place the following question upon the official ballot at the next state election or annual town election following the effective date of this act:

"Shall the board of selectmen of the town of Tisbury be authorized to convert licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises under section 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, originally granted or authorized pursuant to section 1 of chapter 187 of the acts of 2009 or chapter 360 of the acts of 2016, to licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises to restaurants, including restaurants within inns and hotels, without the requirement that such be beverages be consumed with meals only, but subject to the requirement that the restaurant have a seating capacity of not less than 30 persons, and subject to the conditions that sales of alcoholic beverages not exceed 35 per cent of the gross sales of the restaurant and that such sales shall not be permitted later than 11:00 p.m. except within the discretion of the board of selectmen on a special occasion?"

If a majority of votes cast in answer to the question is in the affirmative, the town may convert current licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises that have been granted pursuant to section 1 of chapter 187 of the acts of 2009 or chapter 360 of the acts of 2016 prior to the effective date of this act to licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises without the requirement that such beverages be consumed with meals only, and to issue new licenses authorized

under said acts without such requirement, but subject to all other conditions specified in said acts and in the ballot question as set forth in this section and to grant seasonal licenses for the same.

The board of selectmen may issue regulations for the granting of licenses under this act and to define terms appropriate for that purpose.

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

House of Representatives, August 18, 2022.

Passed to be enacted,

Paul J. Donato, Speaker.

In Senate, August 18, 2022.

Passed to be enacted,

Walter D. R., President.

August 16, 2022.

Approved,

at *2* o'clock and *56* minutes, *P*. M.

Charles D. Blawie

Governor.