

HOUSE No. 4124

By Representative Kaufman of Lexington and Senator Havern, joint petition of Jay R. Kaufman and others (by vote of the town) relative to the minimum seating capacity of restaurants applying for licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages in the town of Arlington. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Jay R. Kaufman
Robert A. Havern

William N. Brownsberger
J. James Marzilli, Jr

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REDUCING THE MINIMUM SEATING CAPACITY OF A RESTAURANT THAT IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY TO THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON FOR PERMISSION TO SERVE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON.

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 the provisions of Chapter 887 of
2 The Acts of 1977, An Act Relative to the Granting of Licenses for
3 the Sale of All Alcohol Beverages at Certain Restaurants in the
4 Town of Arlington, or any other special act or general law to the
5 contrary, the Selectmen of the Town of Arlington shall cause to be
6 placed on the official ballot used in the Town of Arlington by the
7 registered voters thereof at the Annual Town Election to be held in
8 the year 2008 the following question:—

9 Shall the Board of Selectmen be granted the authority to reduce
10 from 99 to 50 the minimum seating capacity for restaurants and
11 function rooms for the sale therein of all alcohol beverages to be
12 consumed on the premises?

13 Yes _____ No _____

14 If a majority of the votes cast in said Town in answer to said ques-
15 tion is in the affirmative, said Town shall be taken to have autho-
16 rized the sale in said Town of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on

17 the premises for not more than ten restaurants and function rooms
18 having a seating capacity of not less than fifty persons.
19 Said licenses shall be subject, however, to all the other provisions
20 of said Chapter one hundred and thirty-eight.

1 SECTION 2. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington is
2 hereby authorized to and shall include a summary of the aforesaid
3 question to be printed on the ballot along with the question as stated
4 in section one and to print said summary.

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