

SENATE, No. 2237

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON TO RETAIN ANY ISSUED ANNUAL OR SEASONAL LICENSE IN THE EVENT OF A LICENSE REVOCATION OR FORFEITURE AND THAT THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON MAY CONVERT THE FIVE CURRENTLY ISSUED SEASONAL ALL ALCOHOL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES TO ANNUAL ALL ALCOHOL LICENSES.

*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 section 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority
2 of the City of Northampton may convert the five currently issued seasonal all alcohol general on
3 premise, club and restaurant licenses. Any such license shall be subject to all the provisions of said
4 Chapter 138 except said section 17. Applicants for conversion of a seasonal all alcohol license for the
5 same premises and location shall not be required to notify abutters as required by section 15A of said
6 Chapter 138. The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the license to any other person,
7 organization, corporation or change of location of the license. Failure to use and/or operate the License
8 for six (6) consecutive months may result in a License Commission hearing and the license reverting
9 back to the City for re-issuance.
- 10 Section 2. The five licenses converted by section one of this Act shall, be subject to an original
11 application fee of \$10,000 more than the annual fee for existing all alcoholic beverage licenses in the

12 City of Northampton. The original application fee of \$10,000 is payable in \$2,000 installments for five
13 years at the time of renewal, until said fee is paid off.

14 Section 3. The licenses currently issued in the City of Northampton, if revoked or no longer in use,
15 may be granted by the licensing authority to new applicants in order that their applications are
16 received.

17 Section 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.