

**AN INITIATIVE PETITION FOR A LAW RELATIVE TO 21ST CENTURY ALCOHOL
RETAIL REFORM**

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority:

SECTION 1. The second sentence of section 15 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance, the phrase “more than 9” and inserting in place thereof the following phrase:- more than 12.

SECTION 2. The second sentence of said section 15 of said chapter 138, as amended by section 1 of this Act, is hereby further amended by striking out, in each instance, the figure “12” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 15.

SECTION 3. The second sentence of said section 15 of said chapter 138, as amended by section 2 of this Act, is hereby further amended by striking out, in each instance, the figure “15” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 18.

SECTION 4. Section 15 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by inserting, after the second sentence, the following new sentences:-

No person, firm, corporation, association, or other combination of persons, directly or indirectly, or through any agent, employee, stockholder, officer or other person or any subsidiary whatsoever, shall be granted, in the aggregate, more than 7 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in the commonwealth, or participate in decisions regarding the purchasing of such beverages or the purchasing of insurance or accounting or bookkeeping services, or receive any percentage or fee derived from gross revenues in exchange for management assistance, or participate in any other action designed to effect common results of more than 7 such licensees; provided, however, any person, firm, corporation, association, or other combination of persons, directly or indirectly, or through any agent, employee, stockholder, officer or other person or any subsidiary whatsoever, who, as of December 31, 2022, has more than 7 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages in the commonwealth, or who, as of December 31, 2022, participates in decisions regarding the purchasing of such beverages or the purchasing of insurance or accounting or bookkeeping services, or receives any percentage or fee derived from gross revenues in exchange for management

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assistance, or participates in any other action designed to effect common results of more than 7 such licensees, may continue to hold that number of all alcoholic beverages licenses and participate in any actions designed to effect the common results of that number of licensees. Each license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages shall be included as a license for purposes of determining the total number of licenses authorized under the second sentence of this section.

SECTION 5. Sections 1 and 4 of this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2023.

SECTION 6. Section 2 of this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2027.

SECTION 7. Section 3 of this Act shall take effect on January 1, 2031.

SECTION 8. Section 15 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the final paragraph, the following new paragraph:-

The in-store sale of alcoholic beverages by a licensee engaged in the sale of alcoholic beverages as so authorized under the provisions of this section shall be conducted through a face-to-face transaction between the customer and the licensee or between the customer and an authorized employee of the licensee who has attained the age of 18 years. In-store automated or self-checkout sales of alcoholic beverages by such licensees shall be prohibited.

SECTION 9. Section 23 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in the third sentence of the twelfth paragraph, the phrase "alcoholic beverage sales" and inserting in place thereof the following phrase:- all retail sales.

SECTION 10. Section 34B of chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting in the first sentence of the second paragraph after the phrase "or a valid United States issued military identification card," the following phrase:- or a valid motor vehicle license issued by another state.

SECTION 11. Section 34B of said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by inserting in the second sentence of the second paragraph after the phrase "or motor vehicle license issued

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