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minimum seating capacity of 19 seats in a restaurant in which malt beverages and wine are served pursuant to a license granted under this section. The licensing authority shall not require, as a condition to the issuing of a license under this section, that parking be provided for the licensed establishment other than the parking that is required by applicable zoning requirements. Licenses granted under this section shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said sections 11 and 17. The licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of the 15 licenses to any other person, organization, corporation or location after the initial issuance. The local licensing authority in the city of Medford shall submit a written report to the chairpersons of the joint committee on government regulations annually, by July 31, on the status, location and use of the 15 liquor licenses.

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

Approved August 23, 2001.

Chapter 76. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ASHFIELD WATER DISTRICT TO ASSESS CERTAIN BETTERMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the failure of the Ashfield Water District to comply seasonably with sections 42G to 42J, inclusive, of chapter 40 of the General Laws and sections 1 and 2 of chapter 80 of the General Laws relating to the construction or extension of a water supply system in the Ashfield Water District, including the installation of a new well, the Ashfield Water District may levy such betterment assessments arising from the construction of said water supply and distribution system. The time for taking such votes, orders and acts to levy such betterments is extended until 1 year after the effective date of this act. All such votes, orders and acts providing for the levy of the betterment assessments and providing for the method of such assessments are validated, ratified and confirmed, notwithstanding the district's failure to vote, order and act within the time periods prescribed in sections 42G to 42I, inclusive, of said chapter 40; provided, that nothing in this act shall be construed to impair or affect the rights of owners of such land as has been subject to such betterment assessments.

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

Approved August 23, 2001.

Chapter 77. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON TO ESTABLISH A DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows: