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By Mr. William F. Sullivan of Boston, petition of William F. Sullivan for legislation relative to regulating further the issuance of licenses to wholesalers and importers of alcoholic beverages. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES TO WHOLESALERS AND IMPORTERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

*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. Section 18 of chapter 138 of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws, as most recently amended by sections 8  
3 and 9 of chapter 542 of the acts of 1943, is hereby  
4 further amended by striking out the first sentence  
5 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:  
6 — The commission may issue to any individual who  
7 is both a citizen and resident of the commonwealth  
8 and to partnerships composed solely of such indi-  
9 viduals, and to corporations organized under the  
10 laws of the commonwealth whereof all the directors  
11 are citizens of the United States and a majority  
12 thereof residents of the commonwealth, licenses as  
13 wholesalers and importers (1) to sell for resale to  
14 other licensees under this chapter alcoholic beverages

15 manufactured by any manufacturer licensed under  
16 the provisions of section nineteen and to import alco-  
17 holic beverages into the commonwealth from holders  
18 of certificates issued under section eighteen B whose  
19 licensed premises are located in other states and for-  
20 eign countries for sale to such licensees, or (2) to sell  
21 for resale wines and malt beverages so manufactured  
22 to such licensees and to import as aforesaid wines  
23 and malt beverages for sale to such licensees; pro-  
24 vided, however, that no license under this section  
25 may be issued to or held by (a) an individual who is  
26 an employee, officer or director of an out of state  
27 manufacturer, (b) a partnership or corporation in  
28 which an out of state manufacturer has any proprie-  
29 tary interest, directly or indirectly, or (c) an indivi-  
30 dual, partnership or corporation which is indebted to  
31 an out of state manufacturer, directly or indirectly,  
32 except pursuant to an extension of credit in the usual  
33 course of business. As used herein the words "out  
34 of state manufacturer" shall mean any person, firm,  
35 corporation, association or other combination of per-  
36 sons engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic bever-  
37 ages without the commonwealth and any employee,  
38 officer or director of any such manufacturer.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January  
2 first, nineteen hundred and fifty.