
By Mr. Porter of Agawam, petition of Frederick C. Emerson and others relative to granting of licenses by local licensing authorities for the sale of alcoholic beverages by clubs. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO GRANTING OF LICENSES BY LOCAL LICENSING AUTHORITIES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY CLUBS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The second paragraph of section 17 of chapter 138
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 3 of
3 chapter 424 of the acts of 1937, is hereby amended
4 by striking out, in line 5, the word "five" and inserting
5 in place thereof the word: — eight, — so as to read as
6 follows: — Irrespective of the number of licenses
7 that may otherwise be granted to cities and towns as
8 provided in clause (1) to (5), inclusive, of this section,
9 the local licensing authorities may grant to legally
10 chartered clubs in any such city or town eight addi-
11 tional licenses under section twelve, and such au-
12 thorities in any city or town having a population
13 exceeding twenty-five thousand may grant one addi-
14 tional license as aforesaid for each population unit
15 of ten thousand or fraction thereof over twenty-five
16 thousand; but the provisions of this section shall
17 not prevent the granting of additional licenses in
18 any such city or town to such clubs as were licensed
19 therein to sell during the year nineteen hundred and
20 thirty-five all alcoholic beverages, nor shall they

21 prevent the granting in any such city or town of
22 additional licenses to legally chartered clubs not so
23 licensed, if within the number of licenses of all classes
24 they may be granted under section twelve in any
25 such city or town as provided in said clauses.