

HOUSE No. 1951

By Mr. Farrell of Worcester (by request), petition of Frederick F. Beringer that cities and towns, except Boston, be authorized to grant club licenses to certain fraternal benefit societies to sell alcoholic beverages. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS, EXCEPT BOSTON, TO GRANT CLUB LICENSES, SO CALLED, TO CERTAIN FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, IRRESPECTIVE OF THE QUOTA FOR SUCH 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 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the fourth para-
3 graph, inserted by chapter 649 of the acts of 1948,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

5 The local licensing authorities of any city or town,
6 except Boston, wherein the granting of licenses under
7 this section to sell all alcoholic beverages or only
8 wines and malt beverages, as the case may be, is
9 authorized by this chapter, may, subject to the
10 approval of the commission and irrespective of any
11 limitation of number of licenses contained in section
12 seventeen, issue a license to any corporation the mem-

13 bers of which are war veterans and which owns, hires
14 or leases in such city or town a building, or space in
15 a building, for the use and accommodation of a post
16 of any war veterans' organization incorporated by the
17 congress of the United States, and to any fraternal
18 benefit society, as defined in chapter one hundred
19 and seventy-six, which operates under a lodge system,
20 to sell such beverages to the members of such post
21 or society only, and also, subject to regulations made
22 by the local licensing authorities, to guests introduced
23 by such members and to no others.