To accompany the petition of John J. Kearney relative to the licensing of innholders and common victuallers. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Licensing of Innholders and Common Victuallers.

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 two of chapter one hundred and two of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “towns”, in the eighth line, the following: — but no alien who has not filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States under the federal naturalization laws shall receive such a license, so as to read as follows: — Section 2. The licensing boards in cities having such boards, the mayor and aldermen in cities having no such
boards and also in cities which have such boards but which, in any year, vote not to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor, and the selectmen of towns, may grant licenses to persons to be innholders or common victuallers in such cities or towns, but no alien who has not filed his declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States under the federal naturalization laws shall receive such a license. Such license shall not be issued or be valid until it has been signed by the mayor and a majority of the aldermen in cities in which the license is to be granted by the mayor and aldermen, or by a majority of the licensing board in other cities and in towns. A mayor or any member of a licensing board may refuse to sign a license for a person who in his opinion has not complied with the provisions of this chapter; and a mayor or any member of such board who signs a license granted contrary to the provisions of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars. The provisions of this section shall not require the licensing boards to grant either of the said licenses, if in their opinion the public good does not require it. A fee of not more than five dollars may be charged for each of said licenses. In Boston the said licenses shall be recorded in the office of the licensing board.