

By Mr. Norton, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 437) of Thomas C. Norton for legislation relative to the sale of wine and malt beverages. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE SALE OF WINE AND MALT 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 15 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in  
3 the first two sentences and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 three sentences: —

5 The local licensing authorities in any city or town which votes  
6 to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic  
7 beverages, and such authorities in any city or town which votes  
8 to authorize the granting of licenses for the sale of wines and malt  
9 beverages only, may grant licenses for the sale at retail of such  
10 alcoholic beverages or wines and malt beverages, as the case may  
11 be, not be drunk on the premises, to applicants therefor who are  
12 citizens and residents of the commonwealth, or partnerships  
13 composed solely of such citizens and residents or to corporations  
14 organized under the laws of the commonwealth and whereof all  
15 directors shall be citizens of the United States and a majority  
16 residents of the commonwealth. No person, firm, corporation,  
17 association, or other combination of persons, directly or  
18 indirectly, or through any agent, employee, stockholder, officer  
19 or other person or any subsidiary whatsoever, shall be granted,  
20 in the aggregate, more than three such all alcoholic beverages  
21 licenses in the commonwealth, or be granted more than one such  
22 license in a town or two in a city. No person, firm, corporation,  
23 association, or other combination of persons, directly or

24 indirectly, or through any agent, employee, stockholder, officer  
25 or other person or any subsidiary whatsoever, shall be granted,  
26 in the aggregate, more than ten such wine and malt beverages only  
27 licenses in the commonwealth, or be granted more than one such  
28 license in a town or two in a city.