

SENATE No. 367

By Mr. Norton, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 367) of Thomas C. Norton for legislation to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT REGULATING THE SALE 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 25 of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby
3 amended as follows: —

4 In the first paragraph, strike out the second sentence as
5 appearing in lines 3 through 16 of said Official Edition and
6 inserting in its place the following:

7 It shall be unlawful for any licensee under this chapter to receive
8 or extend credit, directly or indirectly, for alcoholic beverages sold
9 or delivered to any licensee engaged in the sale of alcoholic
10 beverages except in the usual course of business and for a period
11 of not more than sixty days for all alcoholic beverages other than
12 malt beverages, and for a period of not more than thirty days for
13 all said malt beverages. It shall also be unlawful for any
14 manufacturer, wholesaler or importer of alcoholic beverages, or
15 any winegrower not holding a license under section twelve, to
16 acquire, retain or own, directly or indirectly, any interest in the
17 business of any licensee under section twelve, or for any
18 winegrower licensed under section twelve, to acquire, retain or
19 own, directly or indirectly, any interest in the business of any other
20 licensee under section twelve, or for any manufacturer of alcoholic
21 beverages or any winegrower to acquire, retain or own, directly
22 or indirectly, any interest in the business of any licensee under
23 section fifteen.

24 In the first paragraph, strike out the fourth sentence as
25 appearing in lines 18 through 21 of said Official Edition and insert
26 in its place the following:

27 The applicable credit periods for malt beverages and all other
28 alcoholic beverages shall be calculated from the date of the
29 delivery of the beverages to the purchaser to the date when the
30 purchaser discharges in full the indebtedness for which the credit
31 was extended.

32 In the fifth sentence of the first paragraph as appearing in
33 lines 21 through 24 of said Official Edition, strike out the words
34 "such sixty day" in line 22 and inserting in their place the words
35 "the applicable".