

# SENATE . . . . . No. 21.

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To accompany the petition of Ezra H. Baker and others that licensing boards may be authorized to suspend liquor licenses in certain cases. Liquor Law.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

### AN ACT

To authorize the Suspension of Liquor Licenses in Certain Cases.

*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 forty-seven of chapter one hundred of the  
2 Revised Laws is hereby amended by inserting, in  
3 line four, after the word "forfeited," the words:  
4 —or may suspend his license for such period of  
5 time as they may deem proper, — so as to read as  
6 follows:—

7 *Section 47.* The licensing board, after notice to  
8 the licensee and reasonable opportunity for him to  
9 be heard by them or by a committee of the mayor  
10 and aldermen or selectmen, if the license was

11 granted by them, may declare his license forfeited,  
12 or may suspend his license for such period of time  
13 as they may deem proper, upon satisfactory proof  
14 that he has violated or permitted a violation of any  
15 condition thereof. The pendency of proceedings  
16 before a court of justice shall not suspend or inter-  
17 fere with the power herein given to decree a for-  
18 feiture. If the license is declared to have been  
19 forfeited, the licensee shall be disqualified to receive  
20 a license for one year after the expiration of the  
21 term of the license so forfeited, and if he is the  
22 owner of the premises described in such forfeited  
23 license, no license shall be issued to be exercised  
24 on said premises for the residue of the term thereof.



