

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 3, 1979.

Chap. 357. AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS
TAKEN BY THE TOWN OF FALMOUTH AT A
SPECIAL MEETING HELD IN THE YEAR NINE-
TEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The proceedings taken by the town of Falmouth under article two of the warrant for its special town meeting held on January fourth, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine and at the special referendum meeting held thereon on February fourteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine, and all action subsequently taken pursuant thereto, are hereby validated and confirmed, notwithstanding that the warrant for the said special referendum meeting was not posted in the manner required by law and the by-laws of said town.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 3, 1979.

Chap. 358. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING OF
PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS, SODA SHOPS AND
JUICE BARS, SO-CALLED.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to further regulate the licensing of public amusements, soda shops and juice bars, so-called, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 21A, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 21A. Cities and towns may provide by ordinance or by-law for the licensing of persons to keep open their places of business for the retail sale of beverages derived wholly or in part from cereals or substitutes therefor and containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol, unfermented grape juice, ginger ale, root beer, sarsaparilla, pop, artificial mineral waters, carbonated waters or beverages, natural fruit juices, and other so-called soft drinks, and may fix the fee for said licenses within the limit hereinafter provided, except that in cities having licensing boards the authority to provide for the licensing of such persons and the fixing of fees therefor shall be vested in said licensing boards. For the purposes of this section, the term retail sale shall mean the providing of a beverage as herein defined to a patron in or by a licensed premise in exchange for something of value by means of an in-person exchange or by means of a vending machine exchange or by means of a cover charge, so-called, which gives the patron the right to obtain drinks without additional pay-