

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1811

By Mr. Greenberg of Pittsfield, petition of Joel S. Greenberg for legislation to permit persons eighteen years of age or over to be served alcoholic beverages. Government Regulations.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT PERMITTING A PERSON EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE TO BE SERVED 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 1. The first paragraph of section 12 of chapter 138  
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 391 of the acts  
3 of 1949, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the  
4 words "twenty-one", and by inserting in place thereof the  
5 word:—eighteen.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 34, as most recently  
3 amended by section 354 of the acts of 1962, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 34.* No person shall receive a license or permit  
6 under this chapter who is under twenty-one years of age.  
7 Whoever, being licensed under this chapter, employs any  
8 person under twenty-one years of age in the direct handling  
9 or selling of alcoholic beverages or alcohol or whoever makes  
10 a sale or delivery of any such beverages or alcohol to any  
11 person under eighteen years of age, either for his own use or  
12 for the use of his parent or of any other person or whoever,  
13 being a patron of an establishment licensed under section  
14 twelve or fifteen, delivers or procures to be delivered in any

15 public room or area of such establishment, if licensed under  
16 said section twelve, or in any area of such establishment if  
17 licensed under said section fifteen, any such beverages or  
18 alcohol to or for the use of a person whom he knows or has  
19 reason to believe to be under eighteen years of age or  
20 whoever procures any such beverage or alcohol for a minor  
21 under eighteen years of age who is not his child, ward, or  
22 spouse shall be punished by a fine of not more than two  
23 hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than six  
24 months, or both.