

By Messrs. Ambler of Weymouth and Aleixo of Taunton, petition of Robert B. Ambler and Theodore J. Aleixo, Jr., that certain groups be prohibited from allowing non-members to pay for alcoholic beverages served to them. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT PROHIBITING CLUBS FROM ALLOWING NONMEMBERS TO PAY FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SERVED TO THEM.

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 third paragraph of section 12 of chapter
2 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter
3 468 of the acts of 1935, is hereby amended by striking out the
4 second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
5 tence: — Any club in any city or town wherein the granting of
6 licenses to sell alcoholic beverages, or only wines and malt bever-
7 ages, as the case may be, is authorized under this chapter may be
8 licensed by the local licensing authorities, subject to the approval
9 of the commission, to sell such beverages to its members only,
10 and also, subject to regulations made by the local licensing au-
11 thorities, serve guests introduced by members, and no others;
12 provided, however, that no guest shall be allowed to pay for
13 beverages served to or ordered by him.

1 SECTION 2. Said section 12 of said chapter 138 is hereby
2 further amended by striking out the paragraph inserted by chap-
3 ter 649 of the acts of 1948 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: —

5 The local licensing authorities of any city or town, except
6 Boston, wherein the granting of licenses under this section to sell
7 all alcoholic beverages or only wines and malt beverages, as the
8 case may be, is authorized by this chapter, may, subject to the

9 approval of the commission and irrespective of any limitation of
10 number of licenses contained in section seventeen, issue a license
11 to any corporation the members of which are war veterans and
12 which owns, hires or leases in such city or town a building, or
13 space in a building, for the use and accomodation of a post of
14 any war veterans' organization incorporated by the congress of
15 the United States, to sell such beverages to the members of such
16 post only, and also, subject to regulations made by the local
17 housing authorities, serve guests introduced by such members
18 and no others; provided, however, that no guest shall be allowed
19 to pay for beverages served to or ordered by him.