

HOUSE No. 1327

By Mr. Nordberg of Reading, petition of Raymond J. Murgia and Nils L. Nordberg relative to the issuance of a caterer's license to sell alcoholic beverages. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISSUING OF A CATERER'S LICENSE TO
SELL 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. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 14 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following new section: —

4 *Section 14.* In cities or towns where the sale of all alcoholic
5 beverages or the sale of wines and malt beverages only is
6 authorized by this chapter, or any special act, the local li-
7 censing authorities may issue to caterers and other responsible
8 persons furnishing provisions and services for use at a particular
9 function, occasion or event in a building or other premises for
10 any indoor or outdoor activity, a special permit effective for a
11 period not to exceed fourteen consecutive days which shall
12 authorize the sale of all alcoholic beverages, or wines and malt
13 beverages only, as the case may be, at such function, occasion
14 or event at retail for on-premise consumption. The fee thereof
15 shall be not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars for
16 each day of the effective period of the license; provided,
17 however, that no person shall receive directly or indirectly in
18 any license year, said special licenses which shall authorize him
19 to serve alcoholic beverages in excess of seventy days in any
20 one such city or town. Such a permit and the exercise of the
21 privilege granted thereby shall be subject to such regulations as
22 the commission deems necessary.

23 Local licensing authorities in such a city or town may also
24 issue special licenses for the dispensing of wines and malt
25 beverages in dining halls maintained by incorporated educa-
26 tional institutions authorized to grant degrees, without any
27 restriction as to the number of days, provided, that such
28 beverages shall be served only to persons over twenty-one years
29 of age. The fees for licenses granted under this section shall be
30 fixed from time to time by the local licensing authorities and
31 need not be uniform.

32 A license under this section shall not be granted to any
33 person while his application for a license under section twelve
34 is pending before the licensing authorities.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby
2 further amended by adding after section 13 the following new
3 section: —

4 *Section 13A.* The commission may issue licenses which shall
5 authorize the purchase, transport and storage of alcoholic
6 beverages in any city or town to a caterer. The annual license
7 fee for each such caterer's license shall be fifty dollars and for
8 each such certified copy thereof one dollar.