

HOUSE No. 5277

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 14, 1972.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill regulating the hours during which a licensee of alcoholic beverages may remain open (House, No. 4098), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5277).

For the committee,

RAYMOND M. LaFONTAINE

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A LICENSEE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND HIS EMPLOYEES MAY REMAIN ON THE LICENSED PREMISES AFTER CLOSING HOURS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING THE BUSINESS IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

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 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the seventh paragraph, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 365 of the acts of 1968, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The hours during which sales of such alcoholic beverages may
6 be made by an licensee as aforesaid shall be fixed by the local
7 licensing authorities either generally or specially for each
8 licensee; provided, that no such sale shall be made on any secular
9 day between the hours of two and eight o'clock antemeridian
10 and that, except as provided in section thirty-three, no such
11 licensee shall be barred from making such sales on any such day
12 after eleven o'clock antemeridian and before eleven o'clock
13 postmeridian, and no tavern shall be kept open on any such day
14 between one o'clock antemeridian and eight o'clock ante-
15 meridian; and provided further, that a licensee and his employees
16 may remain on the licensed premises for one hour after the
17 closing hour fixed by the local licensing authority for the
18 purpose of closing the business in an orderly manner.