

By Mr. Cain of Wilmington (by request), petition of Florence Rinker and others for legislation to raise to twenty-one years the age requirement of persons licensed to sell or permitted to purchase alcoholic beverages. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RAISING TO TWENTY-ONE YEARS THE AGE REQUIREMENT OF A PERSON LICENSED TO SELL OR ALLOWED TO PURCHASE 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. Section 1 of chapter 138 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the definition of 'Minor',
3 inserted by section 1 of chapter 155 of the acts of 1972, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following definition: — 'Minor', a
5 person who has not attained twenty-one years of age.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 138 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 34, as appearing in section 2 of said chapter
3 155, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 34.* No person shall receive a license or permit under
5 this chapter who is under twenty-one years of age. Whoever,
6 being licensed under this chapter, employs any person under
7 twenty-one years of age in the direct handling or selling of
8 alcoholic beverages or alcohol of whoever makes a sale or
9 delivery of any such beverages or alcohol to any person under
10 twenty-one years of age, either for his own use or for the use of
11 his parent or of any other person, or whoever, being a patron of
12 an establishment licensed under section twelve or fifteen,
13 delivers or procures to be delivered in any public room or area
14 of such establishment if licensed under said section twelve, or in

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

1 SECTION 3. Section 34B of said chapter 138 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first sentence, as most recently
3 amended by section 3 of said chapter 155, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: — Any person who shall have
5 attained age twenty-one may apply for a liquor purchase
6 identification card.