

SENATE. No. 1812

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 3, 1999.

The committee on Government Regulations, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 340) of Stephen M. Brewer and Patrick F. Landers III for legislation relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages by licensed veterans organizations; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 374) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages by licensed veterans organizations; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2694) of Robert S. Mable for legislation to further regulate the serving of alcoholic beverages by veterans' organizations, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1812).

For the committee,

MICHAEL W. MORRISSEY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSED VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS.

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, as appearing
2 in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 the third paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
4 paragraph:—

5 The local licensing authorities of any city or town wherein the
6 granting of licenses under this section to sell all alcoholic beverages
7 or only wines and malt beverages, as the case may be, is
8 authorized by this chapter, may, subject to the approval of the
9 commission and irrespective of any limitation of number of
10 licenses contained in section 17, issue a license to any corporation
11 the members of which are war veterans and which owns, hires or
12 leases in such city or town a building, or space in a building, for
13 the use and accommodation of a post of any war veterans' organization
14 incorporated by the Congress of the United States, to sell
15 such beverages to the members of any such post, and also, subject
16 to regulations made by the local licensing authorities, to guests
17 introduced by such members and to members of the public
18 attending registered events at said post.