

By Mr. Valley of Boston, petition of Thomas J. Valley for legislation to require local licensing authorities to hold hearings on applications for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HEARINGS ON ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES.

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 15A of Chapter 138 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the ninth sentence of the first
3 paragraph and substituting in place thereof the following sen-
4 tence: —

5 No application shall be acted upon by the local licensing author-
6 ities except after hearing thereon which shall be held, with respect
7 to an application for an original license or an application to
8 transfer an existing license to a new location, not sooner than
9 thirty calendar days after the publication of such notice, and with
10 respect to any other application, not sooner than ten calendar days
11 after the publication of such notice.

1 SECTION 2. Section 16B of Chapter 138 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and substi-
3 tuting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 Any application for a license or permit authorized to be granted
5 by the commission shall be acted upon not later than thirty days
6 after the filing of the same. Any application for an original license
7 authorized to be granted by the local licensing authorities and any
8 application to transfer an existing license to a new location author-
9 ized to be approved by such local licensing authorities under
10 section twenty-three, shall be acted upon not later than sixty days
11 after the filing of the same and if favorably acted upon by the said
12 authorities shall be submitted for approval by the commission not
13 later than three days following such favorable action. Except as

14 provided in section sixteen A, any other application authorized to
15 be approved by such local licensing authorities shall be acted upon
16 not later than thirty days after the filing of the same and if favora-
17 bly acted upon by the said authorities shall be submitted for
18 approval by the Commission not later than three days following
19 such favorable action, provided, however, that local licensing
20 authorities shall not be required to act prior to December fifteenth
21 in any year on applications for the renewal of annual licenses filed
22 in accordance with the provisions of section sixteen A or prior to
23 April fifteenth in any year on applications for the renewal of
24 seasonal licenses so filed. A license so approved shall be issued by
25 said authorities not later than seven days following receipt of
26 notice of approval by the commission. Any applicant for a license
27 under this chapter who fails to comply with the requirments of
28 section seventy within fourteen days after notice that a license has
29 been authorized to be granted to him shall forfeit any right thereto,
30 unless the licensing authorities to which application was made
31 otherwise determine.