

HOUSE No. 3344

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson, Walter A. DeFilippi, Mary Jeanette Murray, Haden G. Greenhalgh, John H. Loring and Bruce N. Freeman for legislation to permit local option relative to the Sunday opening of retail stores, including package stores, so-called. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PERMITTING LOCAL OPTION REGARDING THE SUNDAY OPENING OF RETAIL STORES, INCLUDING PACKAGE STORES.

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. The operation of so much of sections 5, 6, and 13
2 of chapter 136 of the General Laws as prohibits the keeping open of
3 a retail store or the sale at retail of goods, wares, and merchandise
4 is hereby suspended in any city or town which accepts this section
5 as provided in section 3 of this act.

1 SECTION 2. The operation of so much of section 33 of chapter
2 138 of the General Laws as prohibits the sale of alcoholic beverages
3 on Sunday by a licensee under section 15 of said chapter is hereby
4 suspended in any city or town which accepts this section as pro-
5 vided in section three of this act. The hours of operation on Sunday
6 will be determined by the local licensing board, provided that they
7 shall not allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by said licensee
8 before eleven o'clock ante-meridian nor after eleven o'clock post-
9 meridian.

1 SECTION 3. Section 1 or section 2 of this act shall take effect in
2 any city which accepts either or both of said sections by a vote of its
3 city council. Said sections (1) or (2) shall take effect in any town in
4 which the board of selectmen or the town council accepts either or
5 both of said sections.

1 SECTION 4. In any city, a vote of the city council, or in any
2 town, a vote of the town council, board of selectmen, or the town
3 meeting, or the filing of the signatures of five percent of the
4 registered voters of such city or town shall cause the questions of
5 section 3 of this act to be placed on the city's or the town's official
6 ballot in the next municipal election in such city or town.

1 SECTION 5. Nothing in this act shall be construed so as to
2 prohibit the operation of any business presently conducted under
3 the authority of sections 5 or 6 of chapter 136 of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall not be construed to modify, rescind,
2 suspend, or in any manner alter a collective bargaining agreement
3 or the collective bargaining process.