

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:
An Act exempting certain fraternal organizations from the tax of sales of alcoholic beverages.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2834 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT EXEMPTING CERTAIN FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS FROM THE TAX OF SALES
OF 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 one of Chapter 63A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting in line 9 after the words “veterans organizations” the following phrase:— “or
3 other fraternal organization”.

4 Chapter 63A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by
5 inserting the following section:—

6 Section 6. Section 2 shall not apply to sales of alcoholic beverages made to members of the organization and
7 their guests if such beverages are served in a lounge or similar area which is reserved for the exclusive use of
8 such members and guests and which is not otherwise available for use or hire by the general public. Said
9 section 2 shall also not be effective when sales of alcoholic beverages are made at special events, gatherings,
10 dinners and ceremonies of the organization if such sales are made in a lounge or similar area that is ordinarily
11 available for use or hire by the general public; provided that the only attendees are members and their duly
12 qualified guests.