

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 to establish an annual caterer license.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Rodrigues

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

8th Bristol

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL CATERER LICENSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Massachusetts General Law Chapter 138, Section 12, as most recently amended, is further amended by
2 adding the following paragraph:

3 The Commission may issue an annual caterer's license to an operator of a catering business for
4 the sale and service of all alcoholic beverages to be served and drunk on the premise(s) where the
5 operator is catering a private event that is not open to the public, provided the premise(s) is in a city or
6 town where the granting of a license under §12 to sell alcoholic beverages is authorized. The holder of a
7 caterer's license shall purchase all alcoholic beverages for resale from a store licensed pursuant to §15
8 and shall maintain liquor liability insurance providing security for the liability of the licensee to a limit of
9 not less than \$100,000 to any one person and \$200,000 to all persons. The service of alcoholic
10 beverages shall not be for more than five (5) hours during any catered event. All agents and employees
11 of a licensed caterer who serve alcoholic beverages shall be certified by a nationally recognized alcoholic
12 beverages server training program.

13 The Commission after notice to the licensee and reasonable opportunity to be heard may
14 modify, suspend, revoke or cancel the license upon satisfactory proof that the licensee violated or
15 permitted a violation of any condition thereof, any law of the Commonwealth or any regulation of the
16 Commission. The decision of the Commission shall be final and conclusive. A caterer's license shall
17 authorize the licensee to store, transport and deliver alcoholic beverages in the ordinary course of the
18 licensee's business. Alcoholic beverages may be stored only on premises owned by the licensee or that
19 the licensee has the exclusive right to occupy. The license shall be renewable annually and the annual
20 fee shall be two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500).