

**SENATE . . . . . No. 127**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***William N. Brownsberger***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act modernizing the business licensing process.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>Boston City Hall</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>1 City Hall Plaza - Suite 500</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Boston, MA 02201</i>

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By Mr. Brownsberger, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 127) of William N. Brownsberger, Russell E. Holmes, Daniel J. Hunt, Daniel J. Ryan and others for legislation relative to modernizing the business licensing process. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act modernizing the business licensing process.

*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 12 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the words “eight o’clock antemeridian”, in  
3 lines 130 and 134, the following words:- “, except in a city or town that is serviced by the  
4 Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority as authorized by chapter 161A if the local  
5 governing body of such city or town accepts this provision.

6 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the  
7 following paragraph:-

8 Licensing authorities, at their discretion and subject to local licensing rules and  
9 regulations, may exempt all innholders and common victuallers that do not serve alcoholic  
10 beverages from the licensing requirements of this section.

11 SECTION 3. Section 177 of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
12 inserting after the first sentence of the first paragraph the following sentence:-

13 Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the licensing authority in any city or  
14 town shall have the authority to exempt any person who keeps such billiard, pool, or sippio table  
15 or bowling alley from the licensure requirements of this section.

16 SECTION 4. Section 177A of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
17 inserting after the first sentence of the first paragraph the following sentence:-

18 Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the licensing authority in any city or  
19 town shall have the authority to exempt all automatic amusement devices from licensing  
20 requirements under this section.

21 SECTION 5. Section 181 of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
22 the following paragraph:-

23 The Mayor or Selectmen, at their discretion and subject to local licensing rules and  
24 regulations, may set a maximum capacity for all establishments, under which the licensing  
25 requirements of this section shall not apply.

26 SECTION 6. Section 183A of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
27 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:-

28 Licensing authorities, at their discretion and subject to local licensing rules and  
29 regulations may set a maximum capacity for all establishments, under which the licensing  
30 requirements of this section shall not apply.

31 SECTION 7. Section 185I of chapter 140, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding  
32 the following sentence:-

33 Notwithstanding the requirements of this section, the local licensing authorities in any  
34 city or town shall have the authority to exempt all fortune tellers from licensure required by this  
35 section.