

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3726**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*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 expanding access to craft beer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Steven S. Howitt*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Bristol*

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By Mr. Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven S. Howitt relative to the retail sale of certain malt beverages. 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 expanding access to craft beer.

*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 19C of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph (n), the following paragraph:-

3 (o) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a farmer brewer shall  
4 be permitted to fill empty growlers, provided by consumers for retail sale, if said growler was  
5 purchased for the purpose of holding malt beverages. For the purposes of this section, the term  
6 “growler” shall mean a large glass, including bottles, jugs, or other containers, which can hold up  
7 to 100 ounces of a malt beverage as defined in section 2, and is purchased from any licensed  
8 malt beverages manufacturer or wholesaler.

9 SECTION 2. Section 19D of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
10 inserting after paragraph (m), the following paragraph:-

11 (n) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the contrary, a pub brewer shall be  
12 permitted to fill empty growlers, provided by consumers for retail sale, if said growler was

13 purchased for the purpose of holding malt beverages. For the purposes of this section, the term  
14 “growler” shall mean a large glass, including bottles, jugs, or other containers, which can hold up  
15 to 100 ounces of a malt beverage as defined in section 2, and is purchased from any licensed  
16 malt beverages manufacturer or wholesaler.