

Offered by Councillors John Connolly and Ayanna Pressley

**CITY OF BOSTON**

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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND THIRTEEN**

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**HOME RULE PETITION  
FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: CERTAIN LICENSES FOR THE  
SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN THE CITY OF  
BOSTON**

*WHEREAS,* The City of Boston benefits from having organizations, associations, and other entities that provide a venue for social gatherings, create a sense of community, and offer services and programs that assist surrounding neighborhoods; and,

*WHEREAS,* Prior to mid-2009, the Licensing Board issued to certain organizations G. L. c. 138, §14 Special Licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages for a duration period of six months at a time. At some point in 2009, the Licensing Board notified all applicants of Special Licenses that it could no longer issue these to any person for more than thirty days as it was in violation of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission's Regulation 204 CMR 7.04. Specifically, this Regulation prohibits the issuance of a Special License for more than thirty days to any applicant, not an educational institution, and after 2011 a municipal golf course, for a particular location during a given year. This Regulation places an undue burden on organizations that host events that benefit the community, are active with charitable services, and provide an affordable venue to host events. *THEREFORE BE IT*

*ORDERED,* That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:  
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OF BOSTON**

Section 1.

Notwithstanding any limitations on the duration or number of licenses to be issued under the provisions of sections fourteen and seventeen of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, but subject however, to all other provisions of said chapter, and notwithstanding any special law or regulation, the Licensing Board for the City of Boston is hereby authorized upon application to issue Special Licenses on a bi-annual basis every six months for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to the following organizations: Thompson Island Outward Bound Education Center, Inc.; Commonwealth Lodge #19; Skating Club of Boston; the Massachusetts Association of Minority Law Enforcement Officers; Mt. Pleasant Knights of Columbus; West Roxbury Knights of Columbus; Monserrat Aspirers, Inc.; Syria Temple #31; and Brighton Knights of Columbus.

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