

Acts (2012)

Chapter 207

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NEEDHAM TO AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen of the town of Needham shall cause to be placed on the ballot at a regular or special election the following question:-
“Shall the licensing authority in the town of Needham be authorized to grant licenses for both the sale of all alcoholic beverages in packages not to be drunk on the premises and the sale of wine and malt beverages in packages not to be drunk on the premises?”

Below the ballot question shall appear a fair and concise summary of the ballot question prepared by the town counsel and approved by the board of selectmen. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to that question is in the affirmative, the town of Needham shall be taken to have authorized the granting of licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises and the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises.

SECTION 2. The number of licenses shall be limited to 6. Beginning January 1, 2018 the number of licenses shall be limited to 8 but at no time shall there be in effect more than 6 licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. The remaining licenses shall be limited to the sale of wines and malt beverages. The licensing authority may establish the days and hours during which the license may operate. Except as otherwise provided herein, such licenses shall be subject to the provisions of said chapter 138.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved, August 3, 2012.
