



TOWN OF SAUGUS

MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRIAN J. ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

JOHN W. BRYANT

BANJAMIN A. MACGLASHIN

CHRISTIE SERINO

CLAYTON W. TREFRY

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: There is presently in the Senate Ways and Means Committee a Bill which would increase the minimum age at which the sale and service of alcoholic and malt beverages and wines would be changed from the present eighteen years of age to nineteen years of age, and

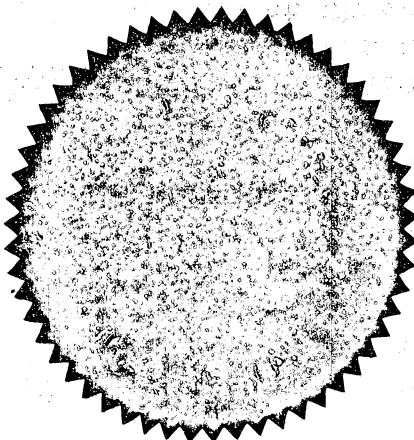
WHEREAS: Experience of the past four years indicate that perhaps a misjudgement was made in reducing the age of availability, and

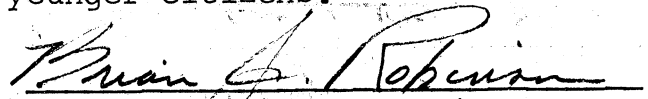
WHEREAS: The court records will verify the fact that youths under the age of eighteen are found under the influence of these beverages, often in tragic accidents, and

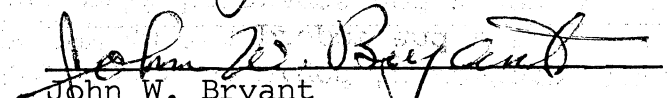
WHEREAS: That when the age of availability was twenty-one, it was a known fact that those of that age often obliged those under that age by securing said beverages, and

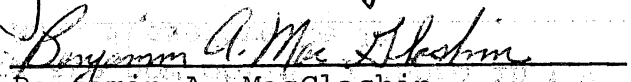
WHEREAS: Present records indicate that those who have reached the new majority of eighteen years are now obliging those in the "Middle teen" brackets. Now, Therefore Be It

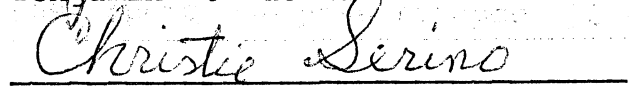
RESOLVED: That the Great and General Court be urged to restore, under H1239, the age of TWENTY-ONE as the proper and reasonable age at which alcoholic and malt beverages and wines would become available to our younger citizens.

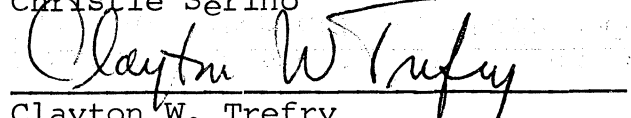



Brian J. Robinson, Chairman


John W. Bryant


Benjamin A. MacGlashin


Christie Serino


Clayton W. Trefry

SAUGUS BOARD OF SELECTMEN



TOWN OF SAUGUS
MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

BRIAN J. ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN
JOHN W. BRYANT
BENJAMIN A. MACGLASHIN
CHRISTIE SERINO
CLAYTON W. TREFRY

August 16, 1976

To all Boards of Selectmen
Aldermen and City Councils

Disturbed by the increase in the use, and abuse, of alcoholic malt and wine beverages by those in the "Mid-teen" age bracket, and an apparent inability of other teenagers to handle such beverages, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Saugus asks your support in asking the Legislature to reverse that trend by going back to what may best be described as the "age of reason" in such matters.

Apparently a total of five bills were filed this year to increase the legal age at which a person might be allowed to purchase the above beverages. It seems they were all referred to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means on March 30, 1976. H1239 appears to be the end product, and calls for the age of nineteen.

We do not agree to the increase of one single year, as noted in the bill, for the line between eighteen and nineteen is minute. The span of going back to an age of twenty-one would seem more reasonable in that a youth has added three years to maturity. They would perhaps have second thoughts in securing such beverages for the "mid-teen" group.

May we ask that you contact the Senators and Representatives of your various districts and urge them to stand firm in changing H1239 to Provide for an age of twenty-one.

Would you also please forward a copy of any action taken through your body, so that we will know whether or not our position has the necessary support.

A copy of our resolution is enclosed, if you feel it necessary beyond a normal action.

cc:

Sen. Joseph C. DiCarlo
Rep. Belden G. Bly, Jr.
Mass. Selectmen's Assoc.
Mass. League of Cities and Town

Very truly yours,

William D. Robinson
Clerk of Selectmen

72. 376
Comm. from William H. Robinson, Clerk of
Selectmen, in behalf of the Saugus Board of
Selectmen, relative to increasing the mini-
mum age to purchase alcoholic beverages.

In City Council,
Sept. 13, 1976

-Placed on File-