OFFERED BY COUNCILORS LIZ BREADON, BRIAN WORRELL, RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, PEPÉN, SANTANA, AND WEBER

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 3112, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPALITIES TO OPT-IN TO A TEMPORARY PILOT TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF LIQUOR LICENSES AND TO ALLOW FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED DISTRICTS IN SUMMER 2026"

WHEREAS, On June 8, 2026, Governor Healy signed into law Bill H.5478, An Act authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts; *and,*

WHEREAS, On June 10, 2026, Mayor Wu announced that the City of Boston would opt-in to this temporary pilot; to date, over 200 bars and restaurants located throughout the City have received approval for extended operating hours and two designated public consumption 'social districts' have been established Downtown; *and,*

WHEREAS, The extension of operating hours for bars and restaurants and the introduction of designated public consumption 'social districts' have been well received by Boston residents and visitors, created opportunity for small businesses, and fostered a more vibrant and enjoyable City ; *and,*

WHEREAS, The provisions of Bill H.5478 will expire on July 31, 2026, and will not be in place for the month of August, consistently one of the busiest months for tourism in Boston; *and,*

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3112 (S.3112), filed by Senators Barry R. Finegold and Julian Cyr and currently in the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies, would extend this opt-in pilot program through August 2026; *and,*

WHEREAS, Boston's hospitality industry continues to face pressure from inflation, labor shortages, and other challenges, and would benefit from increased opportunities to attract visitors and residents during the peak of tourism season; *and,*

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council expresses its support for S.3112, "An Act authorizing municipalities to opt-in to a temporary pilot to extend the hours of liquor licenses and to allow for public consumption in designated districts in summer 2026" and encourages its passage in the Senate;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Boston City Council expresses its support for Boston opting-in to extending the hours of liquor licenses and continuing to allow for public consumption in designated districts should S.3112 pass.

Filed on: July 6, 2026