

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 374**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Mathew J. Muratore and Susan L. Moran*

*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 concerning horse racing within the town of Plymouth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>

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By Representative Muratore of Plymouth and Senator Moran, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 374) of Mathew J. Muratore and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) relative to horse racing in the town of Plymouth. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5379 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act concerning horse racing within the town of Plymouth.

*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 I. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that the citizens of Plymouth  
2 have the opportunity to decide whether horse racing shall be licensed in their town.

3           SECTION 2. For the purpose of this act, "horse racing" shall mean every meeting where  
4 horses are raced and where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of horses is  
5 permitted.

6           SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided in this section there shall be no horse racing in the  
7 town of Plymouth.

8 (b) Upon application to the town for a horse racing location in the town of Plymouth all  
9 of the following conditions shall be met prior to any licensing application or such location being  
10 considered by the gaming commission:

11 (1) the town shall publish notice of the proposed horse racing location at least 60 days  
12 prior to any public hearing on the proposed horse racing location;

13 (2) a public hearing on the proposed horse racing location shall be held in the town no  
14 less than 30 days before the next scheduled town meeting;

15 (3) a majority of the registered voters of the town of Plymouth, voting on whether to  
16 grant a horse racing license for the proposed horse racing location, have voted in the affirmative;

17 (4) the horse racing location is approved at a town meeting;

18 (5) all of the conditions in clauses 1 through 4 are accomplished in the same calendar  
19 year.

20 (c) The select board of the town of Plymouth shall approve the proposed horse racing  
21 location upon the completion of the conditions described in subsection (b).

22 (d) Upon approval by the town of Plymouth pursuant to subsections (b) and (c), the  
23 gaming commission may consider the approved horse racing location for use in horse racing  
24 pursuant to chapter 128A of the General Laws.

25 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage