

HOUSE No. 4063

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul K. Frost

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding gambling establishments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Paul K. Frost

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 360 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING GAMBLING ESTABLISHMENTS.

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 1. Before any gambling law becomes legal and binding, there must be consent between the
2 Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all Native American tribes that are, or could be, federally recognized as such.
3 The consent to any law regarding casinos between the two parties shall be written and binding, that expressly states
4 the regulations of casinos including, but not limited to the:

- 5 a) size of the casino
- 6 b) location of the casino
- 7 c) allotment and distribution of revenues generated by the casino establishment
- 8 d) additional benefits the host community will receive from the casino
- 9 e) local approval of proposed host community or communities

10 Further, the location of any gambling establishment must be approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and
11 the Native American tribes, the community within which the proposed casino may be built, and any communities or
12 towns that are within 15 miles of the host community by a vote of the majority. Additionally, the town or
13 community that would host the proposed casino, by a majority vote, approve the casino's location for the casino to
14 be placed in said community. A majority vote from both the community within which the proposed casino may be
15 placed and the surrounding communities of said community is necessary in order for the gambling establishment to
16 be built. No private or state land shall be taken for the purpose of constructing, or preparing to construct any
17 gambling establishment without written consent from either the owner who appears on the deed of private land, or
18 by vote of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for state land.

19 The host community and those communities 15 miles or closer to the host community shall receive extra benefits, as
20 well as an allotment of revenues generated from the gambling establishment that is in addition to any state-wide
21 redistribution plan that is currently in place to allocate casino revenues.