

House, No. 542

Presented by: [Representative David L. Flynn](#)

Petition filed at the request of George Rogers and Edward G. Connolly for legislation to authorize casino gambling in the Commonwealth and slot machines at certain race tracks.

01/01/03 H Referred to the committee on [Government Regulations](#)

01/01/03 S Senate concurred

Public Hearing date Mar 31 am at 9:30 in Gardner Auditorium

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By Mr. Flynn of Bridgewater (by request), petition of George Rogers and Edward G. Connolly for legislation to authorize casino gambling in the Commonwealth and slot machines at certain race tracks. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CASINO GAMBLING IN MASSACHUSETTS AND PROVIDING FOR SLOT MACHINES TO BE PLACED AT APPROVED RACE TRACKS.

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 the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, casino gambling is hereby authorized and permitted to be established in the commonwealth, along with slot machines at race tracks.

SECTION 2. A special new division, "Division of Gaming and Legalized Gambling" is hereby established within the department of the Attorney General to be presided over by a special assistant attorney general to be named by the Attorney General with the approval of the Governor. Such division shall be funded from receipts derived from said new division from casino licenses and fees to be established by said division that will be issued by the said Attorney General with approval of the Governor.

SECTION 3. In establishing the said new division, the committees on Ways and Means of the House and Senate shall consult with Atlantic City, NJ and Las Vegas, NV authorities in order to draw up the most practical and efficient method of establishing and monitoring said division and said operation, and shall make recommendations there from to the said Ways and Means Committees and to the said Atty. General and Governor.

SECTION 4. Revenues secured from the operation o casinos and from slot machines to be approved by the Atty. Gen. and the Governor will be used to support public education, with precise allocations to be made to cities and towns for K-12 education and to the Board of Higher Education for the State Public institutions of higher education, U.Mass, State Colleges and Community Colleges. Such allocations to be decided by the Joint Ways and Means Committee. In determining which entities shall operate said casino or casinos, the Atty. Gen. shall solicit proposals from proprietary casino operators which shall make the best offer of "up-front" funding to the commonwealth.

SECTION 5. Specific approval is hereby granted to the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head, Aquinnah to establish a High stakes Bingo operation in S.E. Mass. with special consideration to be given to New Bedford and Fall River area.