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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Brian S. Dempsey***

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*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 establishing expanded gaming in the commonwealth.

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PETITION OF:

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| DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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House bill No. 3702, as amended and passed to be engrossed by the House. September 15, 2011.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act establishing expanded gaming in the commonwealth.

*Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to provide for economic investments and job creation in the commonwealth, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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*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. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth, to provide  
2 for an alteration of purpose for current appropriations, and to meet certain requirements of law,  
3 the sums set forth in section 2A are hereby appropriated from the General Fund, unless  
4 specifically designated otherwise, for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified  
5 in this section and to laws regulating the disbursement of public funds for the fiscal year ending  
6 June 30, 2012; provided, however, that notwithstanding any general or special law to the  
7 contrary, appropriations made herein shall not revert and shall be available for expenditure until

8 June 30, 2013. The sums shall be in addition to any amounts previously appropriated and made  
9 available for the purposes of these items.

10 SECTION 2A.

11 OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

12 0411-1004 To provide for certain costs associated with the implementation of expanded gaming  
13 in the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, costs related to legal, financial and other  
14 professional services required for the negotiation and execution of a compact with a federally  
15 recognized Indian tribe in the commonwealth to establish a tribal casino in region

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17 0810-1204 For the implementation and operation of the division of gaming enforcement within  
18 the office of the attorney general, established pursuant to section 11M of chapter 12, for the  
19 investigation and prosecution of criminal activity relating to legalized gaming in the  
20 commonwealth pursuant to chapter 23K.....\$500,000

21 SECTION 3. Section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
22 clause Tenth, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
23 following clause:-

24 Tenth, "Illegal gaming," a banking or percentage game played with cards, dice, tiles or  
25 dominoes, or an electronic, electrical or mechanical device or machine for money, property,  
26 checks, credit or any representative of value, but excluding: (i) a lottery game conducted by the  
27 state lottery commission, under sections 24, 24A and 27 of chapter 10; (ii) a game conducted  
28 under chapter 23K; (iii) pari-mutuel wagering on horse races under chapters 128A and 128C and

29 greyhound races under said chapter 128C; (iv) a game of bingo conducted under chapter 271;  
30 and (v) charitable gaming conducted under said chapter 271.

31 SECTION 4. Section 48 of chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

32 SECTION 5. Section 35 of chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
33 Edition, is amended by inserting after the word "Lottery", in lines 2 and 16, each time it appears,  
34 the following words:- "and Gaming.

35 SECTION 6. Section 39 of said chapter 10, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after  
36 the word "Lottery", in lines 13 and 19, each time it appears, the following words:- and Gaming.

37 SECTION 7. Sections 64 and 65 of said chapter 10 are hereby repealed.

38 SECTION 8. Said chapter 10 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 72 the  
39 following section:-

40 Section 72A. The commissioner of the alcoholic beverages control commission shall establish a  
41 gaming liquor enforcement unit whose responsibilities shall include enforcing, regulating and  
42 controlling the distribution of alcoholic beverages in a gaming establishment.

43 The gaming liquor enforcement unit shall work in conjunction and cooperation with the  
44 investigations and enforcement bureau within the Massachusetts gaming commission established  
45 in chapter 23K. The commissioner shall assign investigators and employees of the unit to the  
46 bureau, who shall report to the director of the bureau and to the commissioner; provided,  
47 however, that the Massachusetts gaming commission shall designate the number of investigators  
48 and employees necessary to staff the unit; provided further, that the code of ethics established in  
49 section 3 of chapter 23K shall apply to all investigators and employees of the unit. No

50 investigator or employee of the unit, other than in the performance of official duties, shall place a  
51 wager in a gaming establishment licensed under chapter 23K. The commissioner shall establish  
52 a program to rotate investigators in and out of the unit. The alcoholic beverages control  
53 commission shall be reimbursed by the Massachusetts gaming commission for the costs of  
54 operating the unit; provided, however, that the Massachusetts gaming commission shall have  
55 final approval over the budget of the unit.

56 SECTION 9. Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 11L  
57 the following section:-

58 Section 11M. (a) As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly  
59 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

60 “Commission”, the Massachusetts gaming commission established in chapter 23K.

61 “Division”, the division of gaming enforcement established in subsection (b).

62 “Gaming establishment”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 23K.

63 (b) There shall be in the department of the attorney general a division of gaming enforcement.

64 The attorney general shall designate an assistant attorney general as the director of gaming  
65 enforcement. The director may appoint and remove, subject to the approval of the attorney  
66 general, such expert, clerical or other assistants as the work of the division may require.

67 (c) The division shall enforce criminal violations of chapter 23K which shall include, but not be  
68 limited to: (1) investigating and prosecuting allegations of criminal activity related to or  
69 impacting the operation of gaming establishments or games; (2) receiving and taking appropriate  
70 action on referrals for criminal prosecution from the commission or any other law enforcement

71 body; (3) providing assistance, upon request, to the commission in the consideration and  
72 promulgation of rules and regulations; (4) ensuring that there shall be no duplication of duties  
73 and responsibilities between the division and the commission; and (5) recommending persons to  
74 be placed on a list of excluded persons to be maintained by the commission.

75 No employee of the division and no person engaged by the division in the course of an  
76 investigation, other than in the performance of their official duties, shall place a wager in a  
77 gaming establishment licensed under chapter 23K during the period of their employment or  
78 assignment with the division. The attorney general shall establish a code of ethics for all  
79 division employees which shall be more restrictive than chapters 268A and 268B. A copy of the  
80 code of ethics shall be filed with the state ethics commission. The code shall include provisions  
81 reasonably necessary to carry out this section including, but not limited to: (i) prohibiting the  
82 receipt of gifts by a division employee from a gaming licensee, applicant, close associate,  
83 affiliate or other person or entity subject to the jurisdiction of the commission established by  
84 chapter 23K; and (ii) prohibiting the participation by a division employee in a particular matter  
85 as defined in section 1 of said chapter 268A that affects the financial interest of a relative within  
86 the third degree of consanguinity or any other person with whom such employee has a significant  
87 relationship as defined in the code.

88 Officers and employees of the gaming enforcement unit in the department state police who are  
89 assigned to the division shall record their time and submit their total hours to the director of  
90 gaming enforcement. The division shall submit a request for reimbursement to the commission  
91 and the commission shall reimburse the department of state police.

92 The division shall submit quarterly requests to the commission for expenses associated with the  
93 operation of the division and the commission shall reimburse the division for such expenses;  
94 provided, however, that the commission shall not approve such a request if the request would  
95 exceed an annual reimbursement of \$2,000,000

96 SECTION 10. Chapter 12B of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

97 SECTION 11. Subsection (b) of section 9 of chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
98 by striking out the words “, as well as the state racing commission established by section 48 of  
99 chapter 6,” inserted by section 29 of chapter 4 of the acts of 2009.

100 SECTION 12. Subsection (e) of section 9B of said chapter 13 is hereby amended by striking out  
101 the words “, as well as the state racing commission established by section 48 of chapter 6,” ,  
102 inserted by section 30 of said chapter 4.

103 SECTION 13. Said subsection (e) of said section 9B of said chapter 13 is hereby further  
104 amended by striking out the words “or regulated by the state racing commission, as established  
105 by section 48 of chapter 6” , inserted by section 31 of said chapter 4.

106 SECTION 14. Section 38 of chapter 22C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
107 after the word “involving”, in lines 36 and 37, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, the  
108 following word:- illegal.

109 SECTION 15. Said chapter 22C is hereby further amended by adding the following section:-

110 Section 70. The colonel of state police shall establish a gaming enforcement unit the  
111 responsibilities of which shall include, but not be limited to, the investigation of criminal  
112 violations of chapter 23K or any other general or special law pertaining to gaming.

113 The gaming enforcement unit shall work in conjunction and cooperation with the investigations  
114 and enforcement bureau within the Massachusetts gaming commission to enforce chapter 23K  
115 and with the division of gaming enforcement within the office of the attorney general to  
116 investigate criminal activity related to gaming. Officers and employees of the unit shall be  
117 assigned to the investigations and enforcement bureau and shall report to the deputy director of  
118 investigations and enforcement and to the colonel of state police. The colonel shall also assign  
119 officers of the unit to the division of gaming enforcement, who shall report to the chief of  
120 gaming enforcement and to the colonel of state police. No officer of the unit, other than in the  
121 performance of official duties, shall place a wager in a gaming establishment licensed under  
122 chapter 23K; provided further, that the code of ethics established in section 3 of chapter 23K  
123 shall apply to all officers and employees of the unit.. The colonel shall establish a program to  
124 rotate officers in and out of the unit.

125 SECTION 16. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 23J the  
126 following chapter:-

127 CHAPTER 23K.

128 THE MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

129 Section 1. The General Court finds and declares that:

130 (1) ensuring public confidence in the integrity of the gaming licensing process and in the strict  
131 oversight of all gaming establishments through a rigorous regulatory scheme is the paramount  
132 policy objective of this chapter;



133 (2) establishing the financial stability and integrity of gaming licensees, as well as the integrity of  
134 their sources of financing, is an integral and essential element of the regulation and control of  
135 gaming under this chapter;

136 (3) gaming licensees shall be held to the highest standards of licensing and shall have a  
137 continuing duty to maintain their integrity and financial stability;

138 (4) enhancing and supporting the performance of the state lottery and continuing the  
139 commonwealth's dedication to local aid is imperative to the policy objectives of this chapter;

140 (5) the commonwealth must provide for new employment opportunities in all sectors of the  
141 economy, particularly opportunities for the unemployed, and shall preserve jobs in existing  
142 industries in the commonwealth; this chapter sets forth a robust licensing process where  
143 applicants for a gaming license shall submit a comprehensive plan for operating a gaming  
144 establishment which includes how they will foster and encourage new construction through  
145 capital investment and provide permanent employment opportunities to residents of the  
146 commonwealth;

147 (6) promoting local small businesses and the tourism industry, including the development of new  
148 and existing small business and tourism amenities such as lodging, dining, retail and cultural and  
149 social facilities, is fundamental to the policy objectives of this chapter;

150 (7) recognizing the importance of the commonwealth's unique cultural and social resources and  
151 integrating them into new development opportunities shall be a key component of a decision to  
152 the award of any gaming license under this chapter;

153 (8) applicants for gaming licenses and gaming licensees shall demonstrate their commitment to  
154 efforts to combat compulsive gambling and a dedication to community mitigation, and shall  
155 recognize that the privilege of licensure bears a responsibility to identify, address and minimize  
156 any potential negative consequences of their business operations;

157 (9) any license awarded by the commission shall be a revocable privilege and may be  
158 conditioned, suspended or revoked upon: (i) a breach of the conditions of licensure, including  
159 failure to complete any phase of construction of the gaming establishment or any promises made  
160 to the commonwealth in return for receiving a gaming license; (ii) any civil or criminal  
161 violations of the laws of the commonwealth or other jurisdictions; or (iii) a finding by the  
162 commission that a gaming licensee is unsuitable to operate a gaming establishment or perform  
163 the duties of their licensed position; and

164 (10) the power and authority granted to the commission shall be construed as broadly as  
165 necessary for the implementation, administration and enforcement of this chapter.

166 Section 2. As used in this chapter the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires  
167 otherwise, have the following meanings:-

168 “Affiliate”, a person who directly or indirectly controls, or is controlled by, or is under common  
169 control with, a specified person.

170 “Applicant”, a person who has applied for a license to engage in activity regulated under this  
171 chapter.

172 “Application”, a written request for a finding of suitability to receive a license or engage in an  
173 activity which is regulated under this chapter.

174 “Bureau”, the investigations and enforcement bureau under the commission.

175 “Business”, a corporation, sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability company or any other  
176 organization formed for the purpose of carrying on a commercial enterprise.

177 “Category 1 license”, a license issued by the commission that permits the licensee to operate a  
178 gaming establishment with table games and slot machines.

179 “Category 2 license”, a license issued by the commission that permits the licensee to operate a  
180 gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines.

181 “Capital expenditure”, money spent by a gaming licensee to upgrade or maintain depreciable and  
182 tangible long-term physical assets that are capitalized on the gaming licensee’s books under  
183 generally accepted accounting principles and excluding expenditures or charges for the usual and  
184 customary maintenance and repair of any fixed asset.

185 “Cashless wagering system”, a method of wagering and accounting in which the validity and  
186 value of a wagering account, promotional account, wagering instrument or wagering credits, not  
187 including slot machine printed vouchers, are determined, monitored and retained for an  
188 individual by an electronic system operated and maintained by a gaming licensee which  
189 maintains a record of each transaction involving the wagering account, promotional account,  
190 wagering instrument or wagering credits, exclusive of the game or gaming device on which  
191 wagers are being made, including electronic systems which facilitate electronic transfers of  
192 money directly to or from a game or gaming device.

193 “Chair”, the chair of the commission.

194 “Cheat”, to alter the selection of criteria which determines the results of a game or the amount or  
195 frequency of payment in a game.

196 “Cheating and swindling device” or “cheating and swindling game”, (i) a coin, token or slug  
197 other than a lawful coin or legal tender of the United States or a coin not of the same  
198 denomination as the coin intended to be used by the gaming establishment while playing or using  
199 a slot machine in a gaming establishment, except that a “cheating and swindling device” shall not  
200 include a token or similar object which is approved by the commission; (ii) a bogus or  
201 counterfeit chip, coin or die; a marked card; a computerized, electronic, electrical, mechanical or  
202 magnetic device; tool, drill, wire, key or other device designed, constructed or programmed  
203 specifically for: (A) use in obtaining an advantage in a game; (B) opening, entering or affecting  
204 the operation of a gaming device; or (C) removing from a slot machine, other gaming device or  
205 drop box any money or other contents; (iii) a tool, drill, wire, coin or token attached to a string or  
206 wire, or an electronic or magnetic device to facilitate the alignment of a winning combination; or  
207 (iv) a gaming device that has been manufactured, serviced, marked, plugged or tampered with, or  
208 placed in a condition or operated in a manner to: (1) deceive, or attempt to deceive, the public; or  
209 (2) alter, or attempt to alter, the normal random selection of characteristics, the normal chance of  
210 the game or the result of the game at a gaming establishment.

211 “Close associate”, a person who holds a relevant financial interest in, or is entitled to exercise  
212 power in, the business of an applicant or licensee and, by virtue of that interest or power, is able  
213 to exercise a significant influence over the management or operation of a gaming establishment  
214 or business licensed under this chapter.

215 “Commission”, the Massachusetts gaming commission established in section 3.

216 “Commissioner”, a member of the commission.

217 "Complimentary service or item", a service or item provided at no cost or at a reduced cost to a  
218 patron of a gaming establishment.

219 “Conservator”, a person appointed by the commission to temporarily manage the operation of a  
220 gaming establishment.

221 “Credit card”, a card, code or other device with which a person may defer payment of debt, incur  
222 debt and defer its payment, or purchase property or services and defer payment therefor, but not  
223 a card, code or other device used to activate a preexisting agreement between a person and a  
224 financial institution to extend credit when the person’s account at the financial institution is  
225 overdrawn or to maintain a specified minimum balance in the person’s account at the financial  
226 institution.

227 “Credit instrument”, a writing which evidences a gaming debt owed to a person who holds a  
228 gaming license at the time the debt is created, including any writing taken in consolidation,  
229 redemption or payment of a previous credit instrument.

230 “Division”, the division of gaming enforcement in the office of the attorney general.

231 “Executive director”, the executive director of the Massachusetts gaming commission.

232 “Gambling”, the playing of a game by a patron of a gaming establishment.

233 “Game”, a banking or percentage game played with cards, dice, tiles, dominoes or an electronic,  
234 electrical or mechanical device or machine played for money, property, checks, credit or any  
235 other representative of value which has been approved by the commission.

236 “Gaming”, dealing, operating, carrying on, conducting, maintaining or exposing any game for  
237 pay.

238 “Gaming area”, the portion of the premises of a gaming establishment in which or on which  
239 gaming is conducted.

240 “Gaming device” or “gaming equipment”, an electronic, electrical or mechanical contrivance or  
241 machine used in connection with gaming or a game.

242 “Gaming employee”, an employee of a gaming establishment who: (i) is directly connected to  
243 the operation or maintenance of a slot machine or game taking place in a gaming establishment;  
244 (ii) provides security in a gaming establishment; (iii) has access to a restricted area of a gaming  
245 establishment; (iv) is connected with the operation of a gaming establishment; or (v) is so  
246 designated by the commission.

247 “Gaming establishment”, the premises approved under a gaming license which includes a  
248 gaming area and any other nongaming structure related to the gaming area and may include, but  
249 shall not be limited to, hotels, restaurants or other amenities.

250 “Gaming license”, a license issued by the commission that permits the licensee to operate a  
251 gaming establishment.

252 “Gaming licensee”, a person or entity who holds a gaming license under this chapter.

253 “Gaming position”, a designated seat or standing position where a patron of a gaming  
254 establishment can play a game.

255 “Gaming service employee”, an employee of a gaming establishment who is not classified as a  
256 gaming employee or a key gaming employee, but is required to register with the commission.

257 “Gaming vendor”, a person who offers goods or services to a gaming applicant or gaming  
258 licensee on a regular or continuing basis which directly relates to gaming, including, but not  
259 limited to, gaming equipment and simulcast wagering equipment manufacturers, suppliers,  
260 repairers and independent testing laboratories.

261 “Gaming vendor license”, a license issued by the commission that permits the licensee to act as a  
262 vendor to a gaming establishment.

263 “Gross revenue” or “gross gaming revenue”, the total of all sums actually received by a gaming  
264 licensee from gaming operations less the total of all sums paid out as winnings to patrons;  
265 provided, however, that the total of all sums paid out as winning to patrons shall not include the  
266 cash equivalent value of any merchandise or thing of value included in a jackpot or payout; and  
267 provided further, that “Gross revenue” shall not include any amount received by a gaming  
268 licensee from simulcast wagering. Provided further, the issuance to casino patrons or wagering  
269 by casino patrons of any promotional gaming credit shall not be considered as gross revenue or  
270 gross gaming revenue..

271 “Holding company”, a corporation, association, firm, partnership, trust or other form of business  
272 organization, other than a natural person, which, directly or indirectly, owns, has the power or  
273 right to control, or has the power to vote any significant part of the outstanding voting securities  
274 of a corporation or other form of business organization which holds or applies for a gaming  
275 license; provided, however, that “holding company”, in addition to any other reasonable use of  
276 the term, shall indirectly have, hold or own any such power, right or security if it does so through  
277 an interest in a subsidiary or any successive subsidiaries, notwithstanding how many such  
278 subsidiaries may intervene between the holding company and the gaming licensee or applicant.

279 “Host community”, a municipality in which a gaming establishment is located or in which an  
280 applicant has proposed locating a gaming establishment.

281 “Impacted live entertainment venue”, a not-for-profit or municipally-owned performance venue  
282 designed in whole or in part for the presentation of live concerts, comedy or theatrical  
283 performances, which the commission determines experiences, or is likely to experience, a  
284 negative impact from the development or operation of a gaming establishment.

285 “Institutional investor”, any of the following entities having a 5 per cent or greater ownership  
286 interest in a gaming establishment or gaming licensee: a corporation, bank, insurance company,  
287 pension fund or pension fund trust, retirement fund, including funds administered by a public  
288 agency, employees’ profit-sharing fund or employees’ profit-sharing trust, an association  
289 engaged, as a substantial part of its business or operation, in purchasing or holding securities, or  
290 any trust in respect of which a bank is a trustee or co-trustee, investment company registered  
291 under the federal Investment Company Act of 1940, collective investment trust organized by  
292 banks under part 9 of the Rules of the Comptroller of Currency, closed end investment trust,  
293 chartered or licensed life insurance company or property and casualty insurance company,  
294 investment advisor registered under the federal Investment Advisers Act of 1940, and such other  
295 persons as the commission may reasonably determine to qualify as an institutional investor for  
296 reasons consistent with this chapter.

297 “Intermediary company”, a corporation, association, firm, partnership, trust or other form of  
298 business organization other than a natural person which is a holding company with respect to a  
299 corporation or other form of business organization which holds or applies for a gaming license,  
300 and is a subsidiary with respect to a holding company.



301 “Junket”, an arrangement intended to induce a person to come to a gaming establishment to  
302 gamble, where the person is selected or approved for participation on the basis of the person’s  
303 ability to satisfy a financial qualification obligation related to the person’s ability or willingness  
304 to gamble or on any other basis related to the person’s propensity to gamble, and pursuant to  
305 which, and as consideration for which, any of the cost of transportation, food, lodging, and  
306 entertainment for the person is directly or indirectly paid by a gaming licensee or an affiliate of  
307 the gaming licensee.

308 “Junket enterprise”, a person, other than an applicant for a gaming license or gaming licensee,  
309 who employs or otherwise engages the services of a junket representative in connection with a  
310 junket to a licensed gaming establishment, regardless of whether or not those activities occur  
311 within the commonwealth.

312 “Junket representative”, a person who negotiates the terms of, or engages in the referral,  
313 procurement or selection of persons who may participate in, a junket to a gaming establishment,  
314 regardless of whether or not those activities occur within the commonwealth.

315 “Key gaming employee”, an employee of a gaming establishment who is: (i) in a supervisory  
316 capacity; (ii) empowered to make discretionary decisions which regulate gaming establishment  
317 operations; or (iii) so designated by the commission.

318 “License”, a license required under this chapter.

319 “List of excluded persons”, the list of excluded persons maintained by the commission under  
320 section 45.

321 “Lottery”, the Massachusetts state lottery established in section 24 of chapter 10.

322 “Major policy making position”, the executive or administrative head or heads of the  
323 commission and any person whose salary equals or exceeds that of a state employee classified in  
324 step 1 of job group XXV of the general salary schedule contained in section 46 of chapter 30 and  
325 who reports directly to the commission or the administrative head of any bureau or other major  
326 administrative unit within the commission and persons exercising similar authority.

327 “Non-gaming vendor”, a supplier or vendor including, but not limited to, a construction  
328 company, vending machine provider, linen supplier, garbage handler, maintenance company,  
329 limousine services company, food purveyor or supplier of alcoholic beverages, which provides  
330 goods or services to a gaming establishment or gaming licensee, but which is not directly related  
331 to games.

332 “Operation certificate”, a certificate of compliance issued by the commission to the operator of a  
333 gaming establishment.

334 “Person”, an individual, corporation, association, operation, firm, partnership, trust or other form  
335 of business association.

336 “Promotional gaming credit”, a slot machine or table game credit or other item issued by a  
337 gaming licensee to a patron to enable the placement of a wager at a slot machine or table game.

338 “Qualification” or “qualified”, the process of licensure set forth by the commission to determine  
339 that all persons who have a professional interest in a gaming license, or gaming vendor license,  
340 or the business of a gaming licensee or gaming vendor, meet the same standards of suitability to  
341 operate or conduct business with a gaming establishment in the commonwealth.

342 “Slot machine”, a mechanical, electrical or other device, contrivance or machine which, upon  
343 insertion of a coin, token or similar object therein, or upon payment of any consideration  
344 whatsoever, is available to play or operate, the play or operation of which, whether by reason of  
345 the skill of the operator or application of the element of chance, or both, may deliver or entitle  
346 the individual playing or operating the machine to receive cash, or tokens to be exchanged for  
347 cash, or to receive merchandise or anything of value, whether the payoff is made automatically  
348 from the machine or in any other manner, except that the cash equivalent value of any  
349 merchandise or other thing of value shall not be included in determining the payout percentage  
350 of a slot machine.

351 “State police”, the department of state police established in chapter 22C.

352 “Subsidiary”, a corporation, a significant part of whose outstanding equity securities are owned,  
353 subject to a power or right of control, or held with power to vote, by a holding company or an  
354 intermediary company, or a significant interest in a firm, association, partnership, trust or other  
355 form of business organization, other than a natural person, which is owned, subject to a power or  
356 right of control, or held with power to vote, by a holding company or an intermediary company.

357 “Surrounding communities”, municipalities in proximity to a host community which the  
358 commission determines experience or are likely to experience impacts from the development or  
359 operation of a gaming establishment, including municipalities from which the transportation  
360 infrastructure provides ready access to an existing or proposed gaming establishment.

361 “Table game”, a game, other than a slot machine, which is authorized by the commission to be  
362 played in a gaming establishment.

363 “Transfer”, the sale or other method, either directly or indirectly, of disposing of or parting with  
364 property or with an interest therein, or with the possession thereof, or of fixing a lien upon  
365 property or upon an interest therein, absolutely or conditionally, voluntarily or involuntarily, by  
366 or without judicial proceedings, as a conveyance, sale, payment, pledge, mortgage, lien,  
367 encumbrance, gift, security or otherwise; provided, however, that the retention of a security  
368 interest in property delivered to a corporation shall be deemed a transfer suffered by such  
369 corporation.

370 “Wager”, a sum of money or representative of value that is risked on an occurrence for which  
371 the outcome is uncertain.

372 Section 3. (a) There shall be a Massachusetts gaming commission which shall consist of 5  
373 commissioners, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the governor; 1 of whom shall be appointed by  
374 the attorney general who shall have experience in criminal investigations and law enforcement; 1  
375 of whom shall be appointed by the treasurer and receiver general who shall have experience in  
376 corporate finance and securities; and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the approval of 2 of the 3  
377 appointing authorities, 1 of whom shall have experience in legal and policy issues related to  
378 gaming and 1 of whom may have professional experience in gaming regulatory administration or  
379 gaming industry management. The governor shall designate the chair of the commission. The  
380 chair shall serve in that capacity throughout the term of appointment and until a successor shall  
381 be appointed. Prior to appointment to the commission, a background investigation shall be  
382 conducted into the financial stability, integrity and responsibility of a candidate, including the  
383 candidate’s reputation for good character, honesty and integrity. No person who has been  
384 convicted of a felony shall be eligible to serve on the commission.

385 (b) Each commissioner shall be a resident of the commonwealth within 90 days of appointment  
386 and, while serving on the commission, shall not: (i) hold, or be a candidate for, federal, state or  
387 local elected office; (ii) hold an appointed office in a federal, state, or local government; or (iii)  
388 serve as an official in a political party. Not more than 3 commissioners shall be from the same  
389 political party.

390 (c) Each commissioner shall serve for a term of 5 years or until a successor is appointed and shall  
391 be eligible for reappointment; provided, however, that no commissioner shall serve more than 10  
392 years. A person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of a commissioner shall be appointed in  
393 a like manner and shall serve for only the unexpired term of such commissioner. The governor  
394 may remove a commissioner if the commissioner: (i) is guilty of malfeasance in office; (ii)  
395 substantially neglects the duties of a commissioner; (iii) is unable to discharge the powers and  
396 duties of the commissioner's office; (iv) commits gross misconduct; or (v) is convicted of a  
397 felony.

398 (d) Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of 3 commissioners  
399 shall be required for an action of the commission. The chair or 3 members of the commission  
400 may call a meeting; provided, however, that notice of all meetings shall be given to each  
401 commissioner and to other persons who request such notice. The commission shall adopt  
402 regulations establishing procedures, which may include electronic communications, by which a  
403 request to receive notice shall be made and the method by which timely notice may be given.

404 (e) Commissioners shall receive salaries not greater than three-quarters of the salary of the  
405 commissioner of administration under section 4 of chapter 7; provided, however, that the chair

406 shall receive a salary equal to the salary of the commissioner of administration. Commissioners  
407 shall devote their full time and attention to the duties of their office.

408 (f) The commission shall annually elect 1 of its members to serve as secretary and 1 of its  
409 members to serve as treasurer. The secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the  
410 commission and shall be the custodian and keeper of the records of all books, documents and  
411 papers filed by the commission and of its minute book. The secretary shall cause copies to be  
412 made of all minutes and other records and documents of the commission and shall certify that  
413 such copies are true copies, and all persons dealing with the commission may rely upon such  
414 certification.

415 (g) The chair shall have and exercise supervision and control over all the affairs of the  
416 commission. The chair shall preside at all hearings at which the chair is present and shall  
417 designate a commissioner to act as chair in the chair's absence. To promote efficiency in  
418 administration, the chair shall, from time to time, make such division or re-division of the work  
419 of the commission among the commissioners as the chair deems expedient.

420 (h) All of the commissioners shall, if so directed by the chair, participate in the hearing and  
421 decision of any matter before the commission; provided, however, that at least 2 commissioners  
422 shall participate in the hearing and decision of matters other than those of formal or  
423 administrative character coming before the commission; provided further, that any such matter  
424 may be heard, examined and investigated by an employee of the commission designated and  
425 assigned by the chair, with the concurrence of 1 other commissioner. Such employee shall make  
426 a report in writing relative to the hearing, examining and investigating of every such matter to  
427 the commission for its decision. For the purposes of hearing, examining and investigating any

428 such matter, such employee shall have all of the powers conferred upon a commissioner by this  
429 section. For each hearing, the concurrence of a majority of the commissioners participating in the  
430 decision shall be necessary.

431 (i) The commission shall appoint an executive director. The executive director shall serve at the  
432 pleasure of the commission, shall receive such salary as may be determined by the commission,  
433 and shall devote full time and attention to the duties of the office. The executive director shall be  
434 a person with skill and experience in management and shall be the executive and administrative  
435 head of the commission and shall be responsible for administering and enforcing the provisions  
436 of law relative to the commission and to each administrative unit thereof. The executive director  
437 shall appoint and employ a chief financial and accounting officer and may, subject to the  
438 approval of the commission, employ other employees, consultants, agents, and advisors,  
439 including legal counsel, and shall attend meetings of the commission. The chief financial and  
440 accounting officer of the commission shall be in charge of its funds, books of account and  
441 accounting records. No funds shall be transferred by the commission without the approval of the  
442 commission and the signatures of the chief financial and accounting officer and the treasurer. In  
443 the case of an absence or vacancy in the office of the executive director, or in the case of  
444 disability as determined by the commission, the commission may designate an acting executive  
445 director to serve as executive director until the vacancy is filled or the absence or disability  
446 ceases. The acting executive director shall have all the powers and duties of the executive  
447 director and shall have similar qualifications as the executive director. ☐☐

448 (j) The executive director may, from time to time and subject to the approval of the commission,  
449 establish within the commission such administrative units as may be necessary for the efficient  
450 and economical administration of the commission and, when necessary for such purpose, may

451 abolish any such administrative unit or may merge any 2 or more units. The executive director  
452 shall prepare and keep current a plan of organization of the commission, of the assignment of its  
453 functions to its various administrative units, offices and employees and of the places at which  
454 and the methods by which the public may receive information or make requests. A current copy  
455 of the plan of organization shall be kept on file with the state secretary and in the office of the  
456 secretary of administration and finance.

457 (k) The executive director may appoint such persons as the executive director shall consider  
458 necessary to perform the functions of the commission; provided, however, that chapter 31 and  
459 section 9A of chapter 30 shall not apply to commission employees. If an employee serving in a  
460 position which is classified under said chapter 31 or in which an employee has tenure by reason  
461 of said section 9A of said chapter 30 shall be appointed to a position within the commission  
462 which is not subject to said chapter 31, the employee shall, upon termination of service in such  
463 position, be restored to the position which the employee held immediately prior to such  
464 appointment; provided, however, that the employee's service in such position shall be  
465 determined by the civil service commission in accordance with the standards applied by the  
466 commission in administering said chapter 31. Such restoration shall be made without impairment  
467 of the employee's civil service status or tenure under said section 9A of said chapter 30 and  
468 without loss of seniority, retirement or other rights to which uninterrupted service in such prior  
469 position would have entitled such employee. During the period of such appointment, each person  
470 so appointed from a position in the classified civil service shall be eligible to take any  
471 competitive promotional examination for which such person would otherwise have been eligible.

472 (l) The commission may require a prospective employee to: (i) submit an application and a  
473 personal disclosure on a form prescribed by the commission which shall include a complete



474 criminal history, including convictions and current charges for all felonies and misdemeanors;  
475 (ii) undergo testing which detects the presence of illegal substances in the body; or (iii) provide  
476 fingerprints and a photograph consistent with standards adopted by the state police. The  
477 commission shall verify the identification, employment and education of each prospective  
478 employee, including: (i) legal name, including any alias; (ii) all secondary and post secondary  
479 educational institutions attended regardless of graduation status; (iii) place of residence; (iv)  
480 permanent residency; and (v) employment history.

481 The commission shall not hire a prospective employee if the prospective employee has: (i) been  
482 convicted of a felony or a misdemeanor that, in the discretion of the commission, bears a close  
483 relationship to the duties and responsibilities of the position for which employment is sought; (ii)  
484 been dismissed from prior employment for gross misconduct or incompetence; or (iii)  
485 intentionally made a false statement concerning a material fact in connection with the  
486 prospective employee's application to the commission. If an employee of the commission is  
487 charged with a felony or misdemeanor while employed by the commission, the commission shall  
488 suspend the employee, with or without pay, and terminate employment with the commission  
489 upon conviction.

490 (m) Chapters 268A and 268B shall apply to the commissioners and to employees of the  
491 commission; provided, however, that the commission shall establish a code of ethics for all  
492 members and employees that shall be more restrictive than said chapters 268A and 268B. A  
493 copy of the code shall be filed with the state ethics commission. The code shall include  
494 provisions reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and any other laws  
495 subject to the jurisdiction of the commission including, but not limited to: (i) prohibiting the  
496 receipt of gifts by commissioners and employees from any gaming licensee, applicant, close

497 associate, affiliate or other person or entity subject to the jurisdiction of the commission; (ii)  
498 prohibiting the participation by commissioners and employees in a particular matter as defined in  
499 section 1 of said chapter 268A that affects the financial interest of a relative within the third  
500 degree of consanguinity or a person with whom such commissioner or employee has a significant  
501 relationship as defined in the code; and (iii) providing for recusal of a commissioner in a  
502 licensing decision due to a potential conflict of interest.

503 (n) Immediately upon assuming office, each commissioner and employee of the commission,  
504 except for secretarial and clerical personnel, shall swear or affirm that the commissioner or  
505 employee possesses no interest in a person licensed under this chapter. No individual shall be  
506 employed by the commission if, during the period commencing 3 years prior to employment, that  
507 individual held any direct or indirect interest in, or was employed by, a licensee under this  
508 chapter.

509 (o) No employee of the commission shall pursue any other business or occupation or other  
510 gainful employment outside of the commission without the prior written approval of the  
511 commission that such employment shall not interfere or be in conflict with the employee's duties  
512 to the commission.

513 (p) No commissioner shall hold a direct or indirect interest in, or be employed by, an applicant or  
514 by a person licensed by the commission for a period of 3 years after the termination of  
515 employment with the commission.

516 (q) No employee of the commission holding a major policy making position shall acquire an  
517 interest in, or accept employment with, an applicant or licensee for a period of 2 years after the  
518 termination of employment with the commission.

519 (r) No employee of the commission in a non-major policy making position shall acquire an  
520 interest in, or accept employment with, an applicant or licensee under this chapter for a period of  
521 1 year after termination of employment with the commission.

522 (s) Any commission employee assigned to a gaming establishment shall be considered an  
523 essential state employee.

524 (t) No commissioner or employee, other than in the performance of the commissioner's or  
525 employee's official duties, shall place a wager in a gaming establishment.

526 (u) The commissioners and those employees holding major policy-making positions shall be  
527 sworn to the faithful performance of their official duties. The commissioners and those  
528 employees holding major policy-making positions shall conduct themselves in a manner so as to  
529 render decisions that are fair and impartial and in the public interest; avoid impropriety and the  
530 appearance of impropriety in all matters under their jurisdiction; avoid all prohibited  
531 communications; require staff and personnel subject to their direction and control to observe the  
532 same standards of fidelity and diligence; disqualify themselves from proceedings in which their  
533 impartiality might reasonably be questioned; and refrain from financial or business dealings  
534 which would tend to reflect adversely on impartiality.

535 (v) The commissioners and employees shall not own, or be in the employ of, or own any stock  
536 in, a business which holds a license under this chapter, nor shall they have, directly or indirectly,  
537 a pecuniary interest in, or be connected with, any such business or in the employ or connected  
538 with any person financing any such business; provided further, that immediate family members  
539 of commissioners and employees holding major policy making positions shall not own, or be in  
540 the employ of, or own stock in, any business which holds a license under this chapter. The

541 commissioners and employees shall not personally, or through a partner or agent, render  
542 professional services or make or perform any business contract with or for any regulated entity,  
543 except contracts made with the commissioners for the furnishing of services, nor shall the  
544 commissioners or employees directly or indirectly receive any commission, bonus, discount, gift  
545 or reward from a regulated entity.

546 (w) Neither the commission nor any of its officers, agents, employees, consultants or advisors  
547 shall be subject to sections 9A, 45, 46 and 52 of chapter 30, chapter 31, or to chapter 200 of the  
548 acts of 1976.

549 (x) The Massachusetts gaming commission shall be a commission for the purposes of section 3  
550 of chapter 12.

551 Section 4. The commission shall have all powers necessary or convenient to carry out and  
552 effectuate its purposes including, but not limited to, the power to:

553 (1) appoint officers and hire employees;

554 (2) establish, and from time to time amend, a plan of organization that it considers expedient;

555 (3) execute all instruments necessary or convenient for accomplishing the purposes of this  
556 chapter;

557 (4) enter into agreements or other transactions with a person, including, but not limited to, a  
558 public entity or other governmental instrumentality or authority in connection with its powers  
559 and duties under this chapter;

560 (5) appear on its own behalf before boards, commissions, departments or other agencies of  
561 municipal, state or federal government;

562 (6) apply for and accept subventions, grants, loans, advances and contributions of money,  
563 property, labor or other things of value from any source, to be held, used and applied for its  
564 purposes;

565 (7) provide and pay for advisory services and technical assistance as may be necessary in its  
566 judgment to carry out this chapter and fix the compensation of persons providing such services  
567 or assistance;

568 (8) prepare, publish and distribute, with or without charge as the commission may determine,  
569 such studies, reports and bulletins and other material as the commission considers appropriate;

570 (9) assure that licenses shall not be issued to, or held by, and that there shall be no material  
571 involvement directly or indirectly with, a gaming operation or the ownership thereof, by  
572 unqualified, disqualified or unsuitable persons or by persons whose operations are conducted in a  
573 manner not conforming with this chapter;

574 (10) require an applicant for a position which requires a license under this chapter to apply for  
575 such license and approve or disapprove any such application or other transactions, events and  
576 processes as provided in this chapter;

577 (11) require a person who has a business association of any kind with a gaming licensee or  
578 applicant to be qualified for licensure under this chapter;

579 (12) develop criteria, in addition to those outlined in this chapter, to assess which applications for  
580 gaming licenses will provide the highest and best value to the commonwealth and the region in  
581 which a gaming establishment is to be located;

582 (13) determine which applicants shall be awarded gaming licenses, gaming vendor licenses and  
583 other licenses in accordance with this chapter;

584 (14) determine a suitable debt-to-equity ratio for applicants for a gaming license;

585 (15) deny an application or limit, condition, restrict, revoke or suspend a license, registration,  
586 finding of suitability or approval, or fine a person licensed, registered, found suitable or  
587 approved for any cause the commission deems reasonable;

588 (16) monitor the conduct of licensees and other persons having a material involvement, directly  
589 or indirectly, with a licensee for the purpose of ensuring that licenses are not issued to or held by  
590 and that there is no direct or indirect material involvement with a licensee, by an unqualified or  
591 unsuitable person or by a person whose operations are conducted in an unsuitable manner or in  
592 unsuitable or prohibited places as provided in this chapter;

593 (17) gather facts and information applicable to the commission's obligation to issue, suspend or  
594 revoke licenses, work permits or registrations granted for: (i) a violation of this chapter or any  
595 regulation adopted by the commission; (ii) willfully violating an order of the commission  
596 directed to such person; (iii) the conviction of a criminal offense; or (iv) the violation of any  
597 other offense which would disqualify such person from holding a license, work permit or  
598 registration;

599 (18) conduct investigations into the qualifications of all applicants for employment by the  
600 commission and by any regulated entity and all applicants for licensure;

601 (19) request and receive from the state police, the criminal history systems board or other  
602 criminal justice agencies, including, but not limited to, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and

603 the Internal Revenue Service, such criminal offender record information relating to criminal and  
604 background investigations as necessary for the purpose of evaluating employees of, and  
605 applicants for employment by, the commission and any regulated entity, and evaluating licensees  
606 and applicants for licensure under this chapter;

607 (20) be present, through its inspectors and agents, at all times, in gaming establishments for the  
608 purposes of: (i) certifying revenue; (ii) receiving complaints from the public relating to the  
609 conduct of gaming and wagering operations; (iii) examining records of revenues and procedures  
610 and inspecting and auditing all books, documents and records of licensees; (iv) conducting  
611 periodic reviews of operations and facilities for the purpose of regulations adopted thereunder;  
612 and (v) exercising its oversight responsibilities with respect to gaming;

613 (21) inspect and have access to all equipment and supplies in a gaming establishment or on  
614 premises where gaming equipment is manufactured, sold or distributed;

615 (22) seize and remove from the premises of a gaming licensee and impound any equipment,  
616 supplies, documents and records for the purpose of examination and inspection;

617 (23) demand access to and inspect, examine, photocopy and audit all papers, books and records  
618 of any affiliate of a gaming licensee or gaming vendor whom the commission suspects is  
619 involved in the financing, operation or management of the gaming licensee or gaming vendor;  
620 provided, however, that the inspection, examination, photocopying and audit may take place on  
621 the affiliate's premises or elsewhere as practicable, and in the presence of the affiliate or its  
622 agent;

623 (24) require that the books and financial or other records or statements of a gaming licensee or  
624 gaming vendor be kept in a manner that the commission considers proper;

625 (25) levy and collect assessments, fees and fines and impose penalties and sanctions for the  
626 violation of this chapter and the regulations promulgated by the commission;

627 (26) collect taxes and fees under this chapter;

628 (27) restrict, suspend or revoke licenses issued under this chapter;

629 (28) conduct adjudicatory proceedings and promulgate regulations in accordance with chapter  
630 30A;

631 (29) hear appeals of the bureau's suspension or revocation of a license;

632 (30) refer cases for criminal prosecution to the appropriate federal, state or local authorities;

633 (31) issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses at any place within the  
634 commonwealth, administer oaths and require testimony under oath before the commission in the  
635 course of an investigation or hearing conducted under this chapter;

636 (32) ensure that there is no duplication of duties and responsibilities between the commission and  
637 bureau; provided, however, that the commission shall not place any restriction upon the bureau's  
638 ability to investigate or prosecute violations of this chapter or the regulations adopted by the  
639 commission;

640 (33) determine which municipalities are the surrounding communities of a proposed gaming  
641 establishment; provided, however, that in making such determination, the commission shall  
642 consider factors including, but not limited to, population, infrastructure, distance from the  
643 gaming establishment and political boundaries;

644 (34) establish parameters for elections under clause (13) of section 15;



645 (35) maintain an official internet website for the commission;

646 (36) monitor any federal activity regarding internet gaming and coordinate with the office of  
647 treasurer and receiver general on implementing any measures necessary to protect the  
648 commonwealth's lottery and gaming interests;

649 (37) adopt, amend or repeal regulations for the administration and enforcement of this chapter;

650 (38) act as trustees for any gaming-related trust funds;

651 (39) designate impacted live entertainment venues; provided, however, that, in making such  
652 designations, the commission shall consider factors including, but not limited to, the venue's  
653 distance from the gaming establishment, venue capacity and the type of performances offered by  
654 that venue;

655 (40) provide assistance to the governor in negotiating a compact with a federally-recognized  
656 Indian tribe in the commonwealth; and

657 (41) regulate and enforce the provisions of section 7A of chapter 271 relating to bazaars;  
658 provided, however, that nothing in this section shall limit the attorney general's authority over  
659 public charities pursuant to the general laws.

660 Section 5. (a) The commission shall promulgate regulations for the implementation,  
661 administration and enforcement of this chapter including, without limitation, regulations that:

662 (1) prescribe the method and form of application which any applicant for licensure shall follow  
663 and complete before consideration by the commission;

664 (2) prescribe the information to be furnished by an applicant or licensee concerning an applicant  
665 or licensee's antecedents, habits, character, associates, criminal record, business activities and  
666 financial affairs, past or present;

667 (3) prescribe the criteria for evaluation of the application for a gaming license including, with  
668 regard to the proposed gaming establishment, an evaluation of architectural design and concept  
669 excellence, integration of the establishment into its surroundings, including, but not limited to  
670 potential access to multi-modal means of transportation, tourism appeal, level of capital  
671 investment committed, financial strength of the applicant and the applicant's financial plan;

672 (4) prescribe the information to be furnished by a gaming licensee relating to the licensee's  
673 gaming employees;

674 (5) require fingerprinting of an applicant for a gaming license, a gaming licensee or employee of  
675 a gaming licensee or other methods of identification;

676 (6) prescribe the manner and method of collection and payment of assessments and fees and  
677 issuance of licenses;

678 (7) prescribe grounds and procedures for the revocation or suspension of a license or registration;

679 (8) require quarterly financial reports and an annual audit prepared by a certified public  
680 accountant attesting to the financial condition of a gaming licensee and disclosing whether the  
681 accounts, records and control procedures examined are maintained by the gaming licensee as  
682 required by this chapter and the regulations promulgated by the commission;

683 (9) prescribe the minimum procedures for effective control over the internal fiscal affairs of a  
684 gaming licensee, including provisions for the safeguarding of assets and revenues, the recording

685 of cash and evidence of indebtedness and the maintenance of reliable records, accounts and  
686 reports of transactions, operations and events, including reports by the commission;

687 (10) provide for a minimum uniform standard of accounting procedures;

688 (11) establish licensure and work permits for employees working at the gaming establishment  
689 and minimum training requirements; provided, however, that the commission may establish  
690 certification procedures for any training schools and the minimum requirements for reciprocal  
691 licensing for out-of-state gaming employees;

692 (12) require that all gaming establishment employees be properly trained in their respective  
693 professions;

694 (13) prescribe the conduct of junkets and conditions of junket agreements between gaming  
695 licensees and junket representatives;

696 (14) provide for the interim authorization of a gaming establishment under this chapter;

697 (15) develop standards for monitoring and enforcing a gaming licensee's agreement with  
698 impacted live entertainment venues;

699 (16) establish procedures and ensure compliance with the timelines for making the capital  
700 investments required under this chapter;

701 (17) require the posting of payback statistics of slot machines played in a gaming establishment;  
702 and

703 (18) establish security procedures for ensuring the safety of minors on the premises of a gaming  
704 establishment.

705 (b) The commission may, pursuant to section 2 of chapter 30A, promulgate, amend or repeal any  
706 regulation promulgated under this chapter as an emergency regulation if such regulation is  
707 necessary to protect the interests of the commonwealth in regulating a gaming establishment.

708 Section 6. (a) There shall be within the commission an investigations and enforcement bureau  
709 which shall be the primary enforcement agent for regulatory matters under this chapter. The  
710 bureau shall perform such functions as the chair may determine in relation to enforcement,  
711 including the investigation of all licensees under this chapter. The bureau shall be under the  
712 supervision and control of the deputy director of investigations and enforcement. The deputy  
713 director shall be the executive and administrative head of the bureau and shall be responsible for  
714 administering and enforcing the laws relative to the bureau and to each administrative unit of the  
715 bureau. The duties of the deputy director as provided in this chapter and in any other general or  
716 special law shall be exercised and discharged subject to the direction, control and supervision of  
717 the chair.

718 (b) The bureau shall be a law enforcement agency and its employees shall have such law  
719 enforcement powers as necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter, including the power  
720 to receive intelligence on an applicant or licensee under this chapter and to investigate any  
721 suspected violations of this chapter.

722 (c) Officers and employees of the gaming enforcement unit of the state police assigned to the  
723 commission under section 70 of chapter 22C shall work with employees of the bureau, under the  
724 direction of the deputy director, to investigate violations of this chapter by a licensee or to  
725 investigate any activity taking place on the premises of a gaming establishment. Officers

726 assigned to work with the bureau shall record their time and submit total hours to the deputy  
727 director and the commission shall reimburse the state police.

728 (d) The bureau shall notify the division of gaming enforcement in the office of the attorney  
729 general of criminal violations by a gaming licensee. The bureau and the division shall cooperate  
730 on the regulatory and criminal enforcement of this chapter and may determine whether to  
731 proceed with civil or criminal sanctions, or both, against a gaming licensee.

732 (e) To further effectuate the purposes of this chapter with respect to the investigation and  
733 enforcement of gaming establishments and licensees, the bureau may obtain or provide pertinent  
734 information regarding applicants or licensees from or to law enforcement entities or gaming  
735 authorities and other domestic, federal or foreign jurisdictions, including the Federal Bureau of  
736 Investigation, and may transmit such information to each other electronically.

737 (f) The gaming enforcement unit within the department of state police shall have exclusive  
738 police jurisdiction over any criminal activity relating to the operation of a gaming establishment  
739 or relating to games or gaming that occur inside a gaming establishment; provided, however, that  
740 the state police shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the law enforcement agency of the host  
741 community on all other policing matters. The commission, in consultation with the colonel of  
742 the state police, shall facilitate the execution of a memorandum of understanding with the law  
743 enforcement agency of the host community that shall include, but not be limited to, procedures  
744 involving: (i) assignment of police officers of the host community to the gaming enforcement  
745 unit of the state police; (ii) first responder calls from the gaming establishment; (iii) emergencies  
746 occurring within the gaming establishment, including the gaming area; and (iv) criminal  
747 investigations involving employees or patrons of a gaming establishment.

748 (g) Investigators and employees of the gaming liquor enforcement unit of the alcoholic  
749 beverages control commission assigned to the commission under section 72A of chapter 10 shall  
750 work with employees of the bureau, under the direction of the deputy director, to enforce,  
751 regulate and control the distribution of alcoholic beverages in a gaming establishment.  
752 Investigators assigned to work with the bureau shall record their time and submit their total hours  
753 to the deputy director and the commission shall reimburse the alcoholic beverages control  
754 commission.

755 Section 7. The commission shall administer and enforce chapters 128A and 128C and any other  
756 general or special law related to pari-mutuel wagering or simulcasting. The commission shall  
757 serve as a host racing commission and an off-track betting commission for purposes of 15  
758 U.S.C.A.30001, et seq.

759 The commission may grant a simulcasting license to a gaming establishment; provided, however,  
760 that a reasonable percentage, as determined by the commission, of the wagering received on  
761 in-state and out-of-state thoroughbred and harness races shall be allocated to the Race Horse  
762 Development Fund established in section 60 to support purse assistance and breeding programs;  
763 provided, however, that in granting said license to a gaming establishment, the commission shall  
764 take into consideration the impact on preexisting facilities licensed pursuant to chapters 128A  
765 and 128C.

766 Section 8. (a) The commission shall issue a request for applications for category 1 and category 2  
767 licenses; provided, however, that the commission shall first issue a request for applications for  
768 the category 2 licenses. All requests for applications shall include: (i) the time and date for  
769 receipt of responses to the request for applications, the manner they are to be received and the

770 address of the office to which the applications shall be delivered; (ii) the form of the application  
771 and the method for submission; (iii) a general description of the anticipated schedule for  
772 processing the application; (iv) the contact information of commission employees responsible for  
773 handling applicant questions; and (v) any other information that the commission determines.

774 (b) Requests for applications pursuant to subsection (a) shall be advertised in a newspaper of  
775 general circulation and on the official internet website of the commission.

776 (c) The commission shall establish deadlines for the receipt of all applications for a gaming  
777 license. Applications received after the deadline shall not be reviewed by the commission.

778 Section 9. (a) The commission shall prescribe the form of the application for gaming licenses  
779 which shall require, but not be limited to, the following:

780 (1) the name of the applicant;

781 (2) the mailing address and, if a corporation, the name of the state under the laws of which it is  
782 incorporated, the location of its principal place of business and the names and addresses of its  
783 directors and stockholders;

784 (3) the identity of each person having a direct or indirect interest in the business and the nature of  
785 such interest; provided, however, that if the disclosed entity is a trust, the application shall  
786 disclose the names and addresses of all beneficiaries; provided further, that if the disclosed entity  
787 is a partnership, the application shall disclose the names and addresses of all partners, both  
788 general and limited; and provided further, that if the disclosed entity is a limited liability  
789 company, the application shall disclose the names and addresses of all members;

790 (4) an independent audit report of all financial activities and interests including, but not limited  
791 to, the disclosure of all contributions, donations, loans or any other financial transactions to or  
792 from a gaming entity or operator in the past 5 years;

793 (5) clear and convincing evidence of financial stability including, but not limited to, bank  
794 references, business and personal income and disbursement schedules, tax returns and other  
795 reports filed by government agencies, and business and personal accounting check records and  
796 ledgers;

797 (6) information and documentation to demonstrate that the applicant has sufficient business  
798 ability and experience to establish the likelihood of establishment and maintenance of a  
799 successful gaming establishment;

800 (7) a full description of the proposed internal controls and security systems for the proposed  
801 gaming establishment and any related facilities;

802 (8) an agreement that the applicant shall mitigate the potential negative public health  
803 consequences associated with gambling and the operation of a gaming establishment, including:  
804 (i) maintaining a smoke-free environment within the gaming establishment under section 22 of  
805 chapter 270; (ii) providing complimentary on-site space for an independent substance abuse and  
806 mental health counseling service to be selected by the commission; (iii) prominently displaying  
807 information on the signs of problem gambling and how to access assistance; (iv) describing a  
808 process for individuals to exclude their names and contact information from a gaming licensee's  
809 database or any other list held by the gaming licensee for use in marketing or promotional  
810 communications; and (v) instituting other public health strategies as determined by the  
811 commission;



812 (9) the designs for the proposed gaming establishment, including the names and addresses of the  
813 architects, engineers and designers, and a timeline of construction that includes detailed stages of  
814 construction for the gaming establishment, nongaming structures and racecourse, where  
815 applicable;

816 (10) the number of construction hours estimated to complete the work;

817 (11) a description of the ancillary entertainment services and amenities to be provided at the  
818 proposed gaming establishment; provided, however, that a gaming licensee shall only be  
819 permitted to build a live entertainment venue that has less than 1,000 seats or more than 3,500  
820 seats;

821 (12) the number of employees to be employed at the proposed gaming establishment, including  
822 detailed information on the pay rate and benefits for employees;

823 (13) completed studies and reports as required by the commission, which shall include, but not  
824 be limited to, an examination of the proposed gaming establishment's: (i) economic benefits to  
825 the region and the commonwealth; (ii) local and regional social, environmental, traffic and  
826 infrastructure impacts; (iii) impact on the local and regional economy, including the impact on  
827 cultural institutions and on small businesses in the host community and surrounding  
828 communities; (iv) cost to the host community and surrounding communities and the  
829 commonwealth for the proposed gaming establishment to be located at the proposed location;  
830 and (v) the estimated municipal and state tax revenue to be generated by the gaming  
831 establishment;

832 (14) the names of proposed vendors of gaming equipment;

833 (15) the location of the proposed gaming establishment, which shall include the address, maps,  
834 book and page numbers from the appropriate registry of deeds, assessed value of the land at the  
835 time of application, and ownership interests over the past 20 years, including all interests,  
836 options, agreements in property and demographic, geographic and environmental information,  
837 and any other information requested by the commission;

838 (16) the type and number of games to be conducted at the proposed gaming establishment and  
839 the specific location of the games in the proposed gaming establishment;

840 (17) the number of hotels and rooms, restaurants and other amenities located at the proposed  
841 gaming establishment and how they measure in quality to other area hotels and amenities;

842 (18) whether the applicant's proposed gaming establishment is part of a regional or local  
843 economic plan; and

844 (19) whether the applicant purchased or intends to purchase publicly-owned land for the  
845 proposed gaming establishment;

846 (b) Applications for licenses shall be public records under section 10 of chapter 66; provided  
847 however, that trade secrets, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in  
848 the course of an application for a gaming license under this chapter, the disclosure of which  
849 would place the applicant at a competitive disadvantage, may be withheld from disclosure under  
850 chapter 66.

851 Section 10. (a) The commission shall set the minimum capital investment for all category 1  
852 licenses; provided, however, that all gaming licensees shall make a capital investment of not less  
853 than \$500,000,000 into the gaming establishment which shall include, but not be limited to, a

854 gaming area, at least 1 hotel and other amenities as proposed in the application for a category 1  
855 license; and provided further, that the commission shall determine whether it will include the  
856 purchase or lease price of the land where the gaming establishment will be located or any  
857 infrastructure designed to support the site, including, but not limited to, drainage, utility support,  
858 roadways, interchanges, fill and soil or groundwater or surface water contamination issues,  
859 whether or not the applicant is an eligible owner or operator under chapter 206 of the acts of  
860 1998, and has suitable capital to finance its operations and the proposed capital investment. Upon  
861 award of a gaming license by the commission, the applicant shall be required to deposit 10 per  
862 cent of the total investment proposed in the application into an interest-bearing account. Monies  
863 received from the applicant shall be held in escrow until the final stage of construction, as  
864 detailed in the timeline of construction submitted with the licensee's application and approved by  
865 the commission, at which time the deposit shall be returned to the applicant to be applied for the  
866 final stage. Should the applicant be unable to complete the gaming establishment, the deposit  
867 shall be forfeited to the commonwealth. In place of a cash deposit, the commission may allow  
868 for an applicant to secure a deposit bond insuring that 10 per cent of the proposed capital  
869 investment shall be forfeited to the commonwealth if the applicant is unable to complete the  
870 gaming establishment.

871 (b) A licensee who fails to begin gaming operations within 1 year after the date specified in its  
872 construction timeline, as approved by the commission, shall be subject to suspension or  
873 revocation of the gaming license by the commission and may, after being found by the  
874 commission after a hearing to have acted in bad faith in its application, be assessed a fine of up  
875 to \$50,000,000.

876 (c) Applicants for a category 1 license shall submit their proposed capital investment with their  
877 application to the commission which shall include stages of construction of the gaming  
878 establishment and the deadline by which the stages and overall construction and any  
879 infrastructure improvements will be completed. In awarding a category 1 license, the  
880 commission shall determine at what stage of construction a licensee shall be approved to open  
881 for business; provided, however, that a licensee shall not be approved to open for business until  
882 the commission has determined that at least the gaming area and other ancillary entertainment  
883 services and non-gaming amenities, as required by the commission, have been built and are of a  
884 superior quality as set forth in the conditions of licensure; and provided further, that total  
885 infrastructure improvements onsite and around the vicinity of the gaming establishment,  
886 including projects to account for traffic mitigation as determined by the commission, shall be  
887 completed before the gaming establishment shall be approved for opening by the commission.  
888 The commission shall not approve a gaming establishment to open for business before the  
889 completion of the permanent gaming area.

890 (d) The commission shall determine a minimum licensing fee for each region, which shall not  
891 be less than \$85,000,000, to be paid by a category 1 licensee within 30 days after the final award  
892 of the license. The license shall set forth the conditions to be satisfied by the licensee before the  
893 gaming establishment shall be opened to the public. The commission shall set any renewal fee  
894 for such license based on the cost of fees associated with the evaluation of a category 1 licensee  
895 under this chapter which shall be deposited into the Gaming Revenue Fund. Such renewal fee  
896 will be exclusive of any subsequent licensing fees under this section.

897 (e) The commission shall determine the sources and total amount of an applicant's proposed  
898 capitalization to develop, construct, maintain and operate a proposed gaming establishment

899 under this chapter. Upon award of a gaming license, the commission shall continue to assess the  
900 capitalization of a licensee for the duration of construction of the proposed gaming establishment  
901 and the term of the license.

902 Section 11. (a) The commission shall set the minimum capital investment for a category 2  
903 license; provided, however, that the gaming licensee shall make a capital investment of not less  
904 than \$125,000,000 into the gaming establishment, which shall include, but not be limited to, a  
905 gaming area or other amenities as proposed in the application for a category 2 license; and  
906 provided further, that the commission shall determine whether it will include the purchase or  
907 lease price of the land where the gaming establishment will be located or any infrastructure  
908 designed to support the site, including, but not limited to, drainage, utility support, roadways,  
909 interchanges, fill and soil or groundwater or surface water contamination issues, whether or not  
910 the applicant is an eligible owner or operator under chapter 206 of the acts of 1998, and has  
911 suitable capital to finance its operations and the proposed capital investment. The investment  
912 required under this section shall be made within 2 years after receiving a gaming license;  
913 provided, however, that any infrastructure improvements necessary to increase visitor capacity  
914 and account for traffic mitigation shall not be considered part of the required capital investment  
915 and, as determined by the commission, shall be completed before the category 2 licensee shall be  
916 authorized to operate a slot machine at the gaming establishment.

917 (b) The commission shall determine the minimum licensing fee for a category 2 licensee, which  
918 shall not be less than \$25,000,000 to be paid within 30 days after the award of the license.

919 (c) Upon award of a category 2 license, the commission shall continue to assess the  
920 capitalization of a licensee for the duration of construction of the proposed gaming establishment  
921 and the term of the gaming license.

922 Section 12. (a) Upon receipt of an application for a gaming license, the commission shall instruct  
923 the bureau to commence an investigation into the suitability of the applicant. In evaluating the  
924 suitability of the applicant, the commission shall consider the overall reputation of the applicant  
925 including, without limitation:

926 (1) the integrity, honesty, good character and reputation of the applicant;

927 (2) the financial stability, integrity and background of the applicant;

928 (3) the business practices and the business ability of the applicant to establish and maintain a  
929 successful gaming establishment;

930 (4) whether the applicant has a history of compliance with gaming licensing requirements in  
931 other jurisdictions;

932 (5) whether the applicant, at the time of application, is a defendant in litigation involving its  
933 business practices;

934 (6) the suitability of all parties in interest to the gaming license, including affiliates, close  
935 associates and the financial resources of the applicant; and

936 (7) whether the applicant is disqualified from receiving a license under section 16; provided,  
937 however, that in considering the rehabilitation of an applicant for a gaming license, the  
938 commission shall not automatically disqualify an applicant if the applicant affirmatively  
939 demonstrates, by clear and convincing evidence, that the applicant has financial responsibility,

940 character, reputation, integrity and general fitness as such to warrant belief by the commission  
941 that the applicant will act honestly, fairly, soundly and efficiently as a gaming licensee.

942 (b) If the bureau determines during its investigation that an applicant has failed to: (i) establish  
943 the applicant's integrity or the integrity of any affiliate, close associate, financial source or any  
944 person required to be qualified by the commission; (ii) demonstrate responsible business  
945 practices in any jurisdiction; or (iii) overcome any other reason, as determined by the  
946 commission, as to why it would be injurious to the interests of the commonwealth in awarding  
947 the applicant a gaming license, the bureau shall cease any further review and recommend that the  
948 commission deny the application.

949 (c) If the bureau has determined an applicant is suitable to receive a gaming license, the bureau  
950 shall recommend that the commission commence a review of the applicant's entire application.

951 Section 13. (a) All applicants for a gaming license, and any person required by the commission  
952 to be qualified for licensure, shall establish its individual qualifications for licensure to the  
953 commission by clear and convincing evidence.

954 (b) All applicants, licensees, registrants and any other person who shall be qualified under this  
955 chapter shall have the continuing duty to provide any assistance or information required by the  
956 commission and to cooperate in any inquiry or investigation conducted by the commission.

957 Refusal to answer or produce information, evidence or testimony by an applicant, licensee,  
958 registrant or other person required to be qualified under this chapter may result in denial of the  
959 application or suspension or revocation of license or registration by the commission.

960 (c) No applicant, licensee, registrant or person required to be qualified under this chapter shall  
961 willfully withhold information from, or knowingly give false or misleading information to, the

962 commission. If the commission determines that an applicant, or a close associate of an applicant,  
963 has willfully provided false or misleading information, such applicant shall not be eligible to  
964 receive a license under this chapter. Any licensee or other person required to be qualified for  
965 licensure under this chapter who willfully provides false or misleading information shall have its  
966 license conditioned, suspended or revoked by the commission.

967 Section 14. (a) The commission shall require anyone with a financial interest in a gaming  
968 establishment, or with a financial interest in the business of the gaming licensee or applicant for  
969 a gaming license or who is a close associate of a gaming licensee or an applicant for a gaming  
970 license, to be qualified for licensure by meeting the criteria provided in sections 12 and 16 and to  
971 provide any other information that the commission may require.

972 (b) For each business that applies for a gaming license, the commission shall determine whether  
973 each officer and director of a corporation, other than a publicly-traded corporation, general  
974 partner and limited partner of a limited partnership, and member, transferee of a member's  
975 interest in a limited liability company, director and manager of a limited liability company which  
976 holds or applies for a gaming license meets the standards for qualification of licensure pursuant  
977 to sections 12 and 16 and, in the judgment of the commission, any or all of a business's  
978 individual stockholders, lenders, holders of evidence of indebtedness, underwriters, close  
979 associates, executives, agents or employees.

980 (c) A person owning more than 5 per cent of the common stock of the applicant company,  
981 directly or indirectly, or a holding, intermediary or subsidiary of an applicant company may be  
982 required meet the qualifications for licensure under sections 12 and 16. The commission may  
983 waive the licensing requirements for institutional investors holding up to 15 per cent of the stock



984 of the applicant company or holding, intermediary or subsidiary company of the applicant  
985 company upon a showing by the person seeking the waiver that the applicant purchased the  
986 securities for investment purposes only and does not have any intention to influence or affect the  
987 affairs or operations of the applicant company or a holding, intermediary or subsidiary of the  
988 applicant company. An institutional investor granted a waiver which subsequently determines to  
989 influence or affect the affairs or operations of the applicant company or a holding, intermediary  
990 or subsidiary of the applicant company shall provide not less than 30 days notice to the  
991 commission of such intent and the commission shall ensure that the institutional investor meets  
992 the qualifications for licensure under said sections 12 and 16 before the institutional investor may  
993 take an action that may influence or affect the affairs of the applicant company or a holding,  
994 intermediary or subsidiary of the applicant company. Any company holding over 15 per cent of  
995 the applicant company, or a holding, intermediary or subsidiary of an applicant company, shall  
996 be required to meet the qualifications for licensure under said sections 12 and 16.

997 (d) A person who is required to be qualified for licensure under this section as a general or  
998 limited partner shall not serve as such a partner until that person obtains the required approval or  
999 waiver from the commission.

1000 (e) The commission shall require any person involved in the financing of a gaming establishment  
1001 or an applicant's proposed gaming establishment to be qualified for licensure pursuant to  
1002 sections 12 and 16 and may allow such person to seek a waiver pursuant to the standards in  
1003 subsection (c).

1004 (f) A person required to be qualified for licensure shall apply for qualification within 30 days  
1005 after taking a position with the business. A person who is required to be qualified for licensure

1006 pursuant to a decision of the commission shall apply for qualification within 30 days after that  
1007 decision.

1008 (g) If a corporation or other form of business organization applying for a gaming license is, or if  
1009 a corporation or other form of business organization holding a gaming license is to become, a  
1010 subsidiary, each holding company, intermediary company and other entity having an interest in  
1011 the applicant shall be required to be qualified for licensure under sections 12 and 16.

1012 (h) The commission shall require that a company or individual that can exercise control or  
1013 provide direction to a gaming licensee or applicant for a gaming license or a holding,  
1014 intermediary or subsidiary of a gaming licensee or applicant for a gaming license be qualified for  
1015 licensure under sections 12 and 16; provided, however, that the commission may allow such  
1016 person to seek a waiver under subsection (c).

1017 (i) The bureau shall investigate each person required to be qualified for licensure under this  
1018 section and shall: (i) make a recommendation to the commission that the commission approve or  
1019 deny the application for licensure; or (ii) extend the period for issuing a recommendation in order  
1020 to obtain additional information necessary for a complete evaluation of the application for a  
1021 license.

1022 Section 15. No applicant shall be eligible to receive a gaming license unless the applicant meets  
1023 the following criteria and clearly states as part of an application that the applicant shall:

1024 (1) agree to be a licensed state lottery sales agent under chapter 10 to sell or operate the lottery,  
1025 multi-jurisdictional and keno games; demonstrate that the lottery and keno games shall be readily  
1026 accessible to the guests of the gaming establishment and agree that, as a condition of its license  
1027 to operate a gaming establishment, that it will not create, promote, operate or sell games that are

1028 similar to or in direct competition, as determined by the commission, with games offered by the  
1029 state lottery commission, including the lottery instant games or its lotto style games such as keno  
1030 or its multi-jurisdictional games;

1031 (2) in accordance with the design plans submitted with the licensee's application to the  
1032 commission, invest not less than the required capital under this chapter into the gaming  
1033 establishment;

1034 (3) own or acquire, within 60 days after a license has been awarded, the land where the gaming  
1035 establishment is proposed to be constructed; provided, however, that ownership of the land shall  
1036 include a tenancy for a term of years under a lease that extends not less than 60 years beyond the  
1037 term of the gaming license issued under this chapter;

1038 (4) meet the licensee deposit requirement;

1039 (5) demonstrate that it is able to pay and shall commit to paying the gaming licensing fee;

1040 (6) demonstrate to the commission how the applicant proposes to address lottery mitigation,  
1041 compulsive gambling problems, workforce development and community development as well as  
1042 host and surrounding community impact and mitigation issues as set forth in the memoranda of  
1043 understanding required under this chapter;

1044 (7) identify the infrastructure costs of the host and surrounding communities incurred in direct  
1045 relation to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment and commit to a community  
1046 mitigation plan for those communities;

1047 (8) provide to the commission a signed agreement between the host community and the applicant  
1048 setting forth the conditions to have a gaming establishment located within the host community;

1049 provided, however, that the agreement shall include a community impact fee for the host  
1050 community and all stipulations of responsibilities between the host community and the applicant,  
1051 including stipulations of known impacts from the development and operation of a gaming  
1052 establishment;

1053 (9) provide to the commission signed agreements between the surrounding communities and the  
1054 applicant setting forth the conditions to have a gaming establishment located in proximity to the  
1055 surrounding communities and documentation of public outreach to those surrounding  
1056 communities; provided, however, that the agreement shall include a community impact fee for  
1057 each surrounding community and all stipulations of responsibilities between each surrounding  
1058 community and the applicant, including stipulations of known impacts from the development and  
1059 operation of a gaming establishment; provided further that, in the event that an applicant cannot  
1060 reach agreement with a surrounding community, the applicant shall submit to the commission a  
1061 report detailing the course of negotiations with the surrounding community, including the last  
1062 offer proposed by the applicant and rejected by the surrounding community and the commission,  
1063 as a condition of licensure, may require that an applicant fulfill the terms set forth in the last  
1064 proposal or impose additional or alternative terms upon the applicant as the commission deems  
1065 reasonable;

1066 (10) provide to the commission signed agreements between the impacted live entertainment  
1067 venues, or its designee and the applicant setting forth the conditions to have a gaming  
1068 establishment located in proximity to the impacted live entertainment venues; provided,  
1069 however, that the agreement shall include, but not be limited to, terms relating to cross marketing  
1070 and coordination of performance schedules;

1071 (11) pay to the commission a nonrefundable application fee of \$350,000 to defray the costs  
1072 associated with the processing of the application and investigation of the applicant; provided,  
1073 however, that if the costs of the investigation exceed the initial application fee, the applicant  
1074 shall pay the additional amount to the commission within 30 days after notification of  
1075 insufficient fees or the application shall be rejected;

1076 (12) comply with state and local building codes and local ordinances and bylaws, including  
1077 sections 61 to 62H, inclusive, of chapter 30;

1078 (13) have received a certified and binding vote on a ballot question at an election in the host  
1079 community, in favor of such license; provided, however that the vote shall take place after the  
1080 effective date of this chapter; provided further that upon receipt of a request for an election, the  
1081 governing body of the municipality shall call for the election to be held not less than 35 days but  
1082 not more than 90 days from the date that the request was received; provided further, that a  
1083 binding vote shall be conducted not less than 60 days after the execution of a signed agreement  
1084 between the host community and the applicant as provided in clause (8); provided further, that  
1085 the municipality that holds an election shall be reimbursed for its expenses related to the election  
1086 by the applicant; provided further, that, for purposes of this clause, if the gaming establishment is  
1087 proposed to be located in a city with a population of at least 125,000 residents according to the  
1088 most recent enumerated federal census, "host community" shall mean the ward in which the  
1089 gaming establishment is to be located for the purpose of receiving a certified and binding vote on  
1090 a ballot question at an election; provided further, that, upon the signing of an agreement between  
1091 the host community and the applicant, and upon the request of the applicant, the city or town  
1092 clerk shall set a date certain for an election on the ballot question in the host community;  
1093 provided further, that at such election, the question submitted to the voters shall be worded as

1094 follows: “Shall the (city/town) of \_\_\_\_\_ permit the operation of a gaming establishment  
1095 licensed by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission to be located at \_\_\_\_ [description of  
1096 site] \_\_\_\_\_? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_” ; provided further, that if a majority of the votes cast in a  
1097 host community in answer to the ballot question is in the affirmative, the host community shall  
1098 be taken to have voted in favor of the applicant’s license; provided further, that if a proposed  
1099 gaming establishment is situated in 2 or more cities or towns, the applicant shall execute an  
1100 agreement with each host community, or a joint agreement with both communities, and receive a  
1101 certified and binding vote on a ballot question at an election held in each host community, in  
1102 favor of such a license;

1103 (14) provide a community impact fee to the host community;

1104 (15) formulate for commission approval and abide by a marketing program by which the  
1105 applicant shall identify specific goals, expressed as an overall program goal applicable to the  
1106 total dollar amount of contracts, for utilization of: (i) minority business enterprises, women  
1107 business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to participate as contractors in the design of  
1108 the gaming establishment; (ii) minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and  
1109 veteran business enterprises to participate as contractors in the construction of the gaming  
1110 establishment; and (iii) minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran  
1111 business enterprises to participate as vendors in the provision of goods and services procured by  
1112 the gaming establishment and any businesses operated as part of the gaming establishment; and

1113 (16) formulate for commission approval and abide by an affirmative-action program of equal  
1114 opportunity whereby the applicant establishes specific goals for the utilization of minorities,  
1115 women and veterans on construction jobs; provided, however, that such goals shall be equal to or

1116 greater than the goals contained in the executive office for administration and finance  
1117 Administration Bulletin Number14. In furtherance of specific goals for the utilization of  
1118 minorities and women on construction jobs, the licensee shall send to each labor union or  
1119 representative of workers with which the applicant has a collective bargaining agreement or  
1120 other contract or understanding, a notice advising the labor union or workers' representative of  
1121 the applicant's commitments.

1122 Section 16. The commission shall deny an application for a gaming license, or any license or  
1123 registration issued under this chapter, if the applicant: (i) has been convicted of a felony or other  
1124 convictions involving embezzlement, theft, fraud or perjury; provided, however, that for  
1125 convictions which occurred before the 10-year period immediately preceding application for  
1126 licensure, an applicant may demonstrate, and the commission shall consider, the applicant's  
1127 rehabilitation and whether such conviction should not be an automatic disqualification under this  
1128 section; (ii) submitted an application for a license under this chapter that contains false or  
1129 misleading information; (iii) committed prior acts which have not been prosecuted or in which  
1130 the applicant was not convicted but form a pattern of misconduct that makes the applicant  
1131 unsuitable for a license under this chapter; or (iv) has affiliates or close associates that would not  
1132 qualify for a license or whose relationship with the applicant may pose an injurious threat to the  
1133 interests of the commonwealth in awarding a gaming license to the applicant.

1134 Section 17. (a) After a review of the entire application and any independent evaluations, the  
1135 commission shall identify which communities shall be designated as the surrounding  
1136 communities of a proposed gaming establishment; provided, however, that any community that  
1137 has negotiated a surrounding community memorandum of understanding with the applicant that  
1138 was submitted with the application shall be considered a surrounding community by the

1139 commission. In making that determination, the commission shall consider the detailed plan of  
1140 construction submitted by the applicant, information received from the public and factors which  
1141 shall include, but not be limited to, population, infrastructure and distance from the gaming  
1142 establishment and political boundaries. If the commission determines a city or town to be a  
1143 surrounding community and the applicant has not finalized negotiations with that community in  
1144 its application pursuant to section 15; the applicant shall negotiate a signed agreement with that  
1145 community within 30 days and no action shall be taken on its application prior to the execution  
1146 of that agreement. When necessary the commission may facilitate the negotiation of fair and  
1147 reasonable agreements between the applicant and surrounding communities.

1148 (b) After a review of the entire application and any independent evaluations, the  
1149 commission shall identify which live entertainment venues shall be designated as impacted live  
1150 entertainment venues of a proposed gaming establishment; provided, however, that any live  
1151 entertainment venue that has negotiated an agreement with the applicant that was submitted with  
1152 the application shall be considered an impacted live entertainment venue by the commission. If  
1153 the commission determines an live entertainment venue to be an impacted live entertainment  
1154 venue and the applicant has not included a signed agreement with that live entertainment venue,  
1155 or its designee in its application, the applicant shall negotiate a signed agreement with that live  
1156 entertainment venue within 30 days and no action shall be taken on its application prior to the  
1157 execution of that agreement. A gaming licensee's compliance with such agreements shall be  
1158 considered upon a gaming licensee's application for renewal of the gaming license. When  
1159 necessary the commission may facilitate the negotiation of fair and reasonable agreements  
1160 between the applicant and impacted live entertainment venues.



1161 (c) The commission shall conduct a public hearing on the application pursuant to section 11 ½  
1162 of chapter 30A. An applicant for a gaming license and a municipality designated as a host or  
1163 surrounding community shall be given at least 30 days notice of the public hearing. The  
1164 commission shall hold the public hearing within the host community; provided, however, that the  
1165 host community may request that the commission hold the hearing in another city or town.

1166 (d) The public hearing shall provide the commission the opportunity to address questions and  
1167 concerns relative to the proposal of a gaming applicant to build a gaming establishment,  
1168 including the scope and quality of the gaming area and amenities, the integration of the gaming  
1169 establishment into the surrounding community and the extent of required mitigation plans, as  
1170 well as receive input from members of the public from the impacted community or communities.  
1171 During the hearing, the commission may take the opportunity to read into the record any letters  
1172 of support, opposition or concern from members of the communities in the vicinity of the  
1173 proposed gaming establishment.

1174 (e) Not later than 90 days after the conclusion of the public hearing, the commission shall take  
1175 action on the application. The commission may: (i) grant the application for a gaming license;  
1176 (ii) deny the application; or (iii) extend the period for issuing a decision in order to obtain any  
1177 additional information necessary for a complete evaluation of the application; provided,  
1178 however, that the extension shall be not longer than 30 days.

1179 (f) Upon denial of an application, the commission shall prepare and file the commission's  
1180 decision and, if requested by the applicant, shall further prepare and file a statement of the  
1181 reasons for the denial, including specific findings of fact by the commission and the  
1182 recommendation from the bureau with respect to the suitability of the applicant pursuant to

1183 sections 12 and 16. Applicants may request a hearing before the commission to contest any  
1184 findings of fact by the bureau into the suitability of the applicant.

1185 (g) The commission shall have full discretion as to whether to issue a license. Applicants shall  
1186 have no legal right or privilege to a gaming license and shall not be entitled to any further review  
1187 if denied by the commission.

1188 Section 18. In determining whether an applicant shall receive a gaming license, the commission  
1189 shall evaluate and issue a statement of findings of how each applicant proposes to advance the  
1190 following objectives:

1191 (1) protecting the lottery from any adverse impacts due to expanded gaming including, but not  
1192 limited to, developing cross-marketing strategies with the lottery and increasing ticket sales to  
1193 out-of-state residents;

1194 (2) promoting local businesses in host and surrounding communities, including developing cross-  
1195 marketing strategies with local restaurants, small businesses, hotels, retail outlets and impacted  
1196 live entertainment venues;

1197 (3) realizing maximum capital investment exclusive of land acquisition and infrastructure  
1198 improvements;

1199 (4) implementing a workforce development plan to utilize the existing Massachusetts labor force,  
1200 including the estimated number of construction jobs a proposed gaming establishment will  
1201 generate, the development of workforce training programs that serve the unemployed and  
1202 methods for accessing employment at the gaming establishment;

1203 (5) building a gaming establishment of high caliber with a variety of quality amenities to be  
1204 included as part of the gaming establishment and operated in partnership with local hotels and  
1205 dining, retail and entertainment facilities so that patrons experience the diversified regional  
1206 tourism industry;

1207 (6) taking additional measures to address problem gambling including, but not limited to,  
1208 training of gaming employees to identify patrons exhibiting problems with gambling and  
1209 prevention programs targeted toward vulnerable populations;

1210 (7) providing a market analysis detailing the benefits of the site location of the gaming  
1211 establishment and the estimated recapture rate of gaming-related spending by residents travelling  
1212 to out of state gaming establishments;

1213 (8) utilizing sustainable development principles including, but not limited to: (i) being certified  
1214 as gold or higher under the appropriate certification category in the Leadership in Environmental  
1215 and Energy Design program created by the United States Green Building Council; (ii) meeting or  
1216 exceeding the stretch energy code requirements contained in Appendix 120AA of the  
1217 Massachusetts building energy code or equivalent commitment to advanced energy efficiency as  
1218 determined by the secretary of energy and environmental affairs; (iii) efforts to mitigate vehicle  
1219 trips; (iv) efforts to conserve water and manage storm water; (v) demonstration that electrical and  
1220 HVAC equipment and appliances will be EnergyStar labeled where available; (vi) procuring or  
1221 generating on-site 10 per cent of its annual electricity consumption from renewable sources  
1222 qualified by the department of energy resources under section 11F of chapter 25A; and (vii)  
1223 developing an ongoing plan to submeter and monitor all major sources of energy consumption

1224 and undertake regular efforts to maintain and improve energy efficiency of buildings in their  
1225 systems;

1226 (9) establishing, funding and maintaining human resource hiring and training practices that  
1227 promote the development of a skilled and diverse workforce and access to promotion  
1228 opportunities through a workforce training program that: (i) establishes transparent career paths  
1229 with measurable criteria within the gaming establishment that lead to increased responsibility  
1230 and higher pay grades that are designed to allow employees to pursue career advancement and  
1231 promotion; (ii) provides employee access to additional resources, such as tuition reimbursement  
1232 or stipend policies, to enable employees to acquire the education or job training needed to  
1233 advance career paths based on increased responsibility and pay grades; and (iii) establishes an  
1234 on-site child day-care program;

1235 (10) contracting with local business owners for the provision of services and goods to the gaming  
1236 establishment, including developing plans designed to assist businesses in the commonwealth in  
1237 identifying the needs for goods and services to the establishment;

1238 (11) maximizing revenues received by the commonwealth;

1239 (12) providing a high number of quality jobs in the gaming establishment;

1240 (13) offering the highest and best value to create a secure and robust gaming market in the region  
1241 and the commonwealth;

1242 (14) mitigating potential impacts on host and surrounding communities which might result from  
1243 the development or operation of the gaming establishment;

1244 (15) purchasing, whenever possible, domestically manufactured slot machines for installation in  
1245 the gaming establishment;

1246 (16) implementing a marketing program that identifies specific goals, expressed as an overall  
1247 program goal applicable to the total dollar amount of contracts, for the utilization of: (i) minority  
1248 business enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to participate  
1249 as contractors in the design of the gaming establishment; (ii) minority business enterprises,  
1250 women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to participate as contractors in the  
1251 construction of the gaming establishment; and (iii) minority business enterprises, women  
1252 business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to participate as vendors in the provision of  
1253 goods and services procured by the gaming establishment and any businesses operated as part of  
1254 the gaming establishment; and

1255 (17) implementing a workforce development plan that: (i) incorporates an affirmative action  
1256 program of equal opportunity by which the applicant guarantees to provide equal employment  
1257 opportunities to all employees qualified for licensure in all employment categories, including  
1258 persons with disabilities; (ii) utilizes the existing labor force in the commonwealth; (iii)  
1259 estimates the number of construction jobs a gaming establishment will generate and provides for  
1260 equal employment opportunities and which includes specific goals for the utilization of  
1261 minorities and women on those construction jobs; (iv) identifies workforce training programs  
1262 offered by the gaming establishment; and (v) identifies the methods for accessing employment at  
1263 the gaming establishment.

1264 (18) whether the applicant has a contract with organized labor, including hospitality services, and  
1265 has the support of organized labor for its application, which specifies: the number of employees

1266 to be employed at the gaming establishment, including detailed information on the pay rate and  
1267 benefits for employees and contractor; the total amount of investment by the applicant in the  
1268 gaming establishment and all infrastructure improvements related to the project; and completed  
1269 studies and reports as required by the commission, which shall include, but are not limited to, an  
1270 economic benefit study, both for the commonwealth and region; and whether the applicant has  
1271 included detailed plans for assuring labor harmony during all phases of the construction, re-  
1272 construction, renovation, development and operation of the gaming establishment.

1273 Section 19. (a) The commission may issue not more than 3 category 1 licenses based on the  
1274 applications and bids submitted to the commission. Not more than 1 license shall be awarded per  
1275 region. Regions shall be established as follows:

1276 (1) region A: suffolk, middlesex, essex, norfolk and worcester counties;

1277 (2) region B: hampshire, hampden, franklin and berkshire counties; and

1278 (3) region C: bristol, plymouth, nantucket, dukes and barnstable counties.

1279 Gaming licenses shall only be issued to applicants who are qualified under the criteria set forth in  
1280 this chapter, as determined by the commission. Within any region, if the commission is not  
1281 convinced that there is an applicant that has both met the eligibility criteria and provided  
1282 convincing evidence that the applicant will provide value to the region in which the gaming  
1283 establishment is proposed to be located and to the commonwealth, no gaming license shall be  
1284 awarded in that region.

1285 (b) No other gaming license shall be issued by the commission for a period of 15 years  
1286 after the initial awarding of gaming licenses. A category 1 license issued pursuant to this chapter

1287 shall be valid for an initial period of 20 years; provided, however, that after this initial period has  
1288 elapsed, a renewed category 1 license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be valid for a period of  
1289 15 years. The commission shall establish procedures for renewal and set the renewal fee based  
1290 on the cost of fees associated with the evaluation of a licensee. Any renewal fees shall be  
1291 deposited into the Gaming Revenue Fund.

1292 (c) No gaming licensee shall transfer a gaming license or any direct or indirect interest in  
1293 the gaming license or a gaming establishment without the majority approval of the commission.  
1294 A person seeking to acquire a gaming license through a transfer shall qualify for licensure under  
1295 this chapter. The commission shall reject a gaming license transfer or a transfer of interest in the  
1296 gaming establishment to an unsuitable person and may reject a proposed transfer that, in the  
1297 opinion of the commission, would be disadvantageous to the interests of the commonwealth.

1298 (d) The commission shall take into consideration the physical distance in selecting the locations  
1299 of the gaming establishments as they relate to each other and how they maximize benefits to the  
1300 commonwealth.

1301 (e) If a category 1 license is awarded to an applicant with a simulcasting license under chapter  
1302 128C as of July 1, 2011, a condition of the gaming license shall be to maintain the simulcasting  
1303 license under said chapter 128C. Upon failure to conduct simulcast wagering, the commission  
1304 shall suspend the category 1 license.

1305 (f) If a category 1 license is awarded to an applicant with live racing under chapter 128A as of  
1306 July 1, 2011, a condition of the gaming license shall be to maintain and complete the annual live  
1307 racing season under said chapter 128A. Upon failure to conduct live racing the commission shall  
1308 suspend the category 1 license.

1309 (g) For the purposes of subsections (e) and (f), an applicant for a gaming license shall be  
1310 considered to be the holder of a license under chapter 128A or chapter 128C if the applicant: (i)  
1311 owns 50.1 or more per cent of the common stock of the company which obtained a license under  
1312 said chapter 128A or 128C; and (ii) is a person who owns more than 5 per cent of the common  
1313 stock of the applicant company, directly or indirectly, or is an institutional investor in the gaming  
1314 license.

1315 Section 20. (a) The commission may issue not more than 1 category 2 license; provided,  
1316 however, that the category 2 license shall only be issued to an applicant who is qualified under  
1317 the criteria set forth in this chapter as determined by the commission. If the commission is not  
1318 convinced that there is an applicant that has both met the eligibility criteria and provided  
1319 convincing evidence that the applicant will provide value to the commonwealth, no category 2  
1320 license shall be awarded.

1321 (b) If a category 2 license is awarded to an applicant with a simulcasting license under chapter  
1322 128C as of July 1, 2011, a condition of said license shall be to maintain the simulcasting  
1323 license pursuant to said chapter 128C. Upon failure to conduct simulcast wagering the  
1324 commission shall suspend the category 2 license.

1325 (c) If a category 2 license is awarded to an applicant with live racing, pursuant to chapter 128A  
1326 as of July 1, 2011, a condition of the license shall be to maintain and complete the annual live  
1327 racing season pursuant to said chapter 128A. Upon failure to conduct live racing, the commission  
1328 shall suspend the category 2 license.

1329 (d) For the purposes of subsections (b) and (c), an applicant for a gaming license shall be  
1330 considered to be the holder of a license under chapter 128A or chapter 128C if the applicant: (i)



1331 owns 50.1 or more per cent of the common stock of the company which obtained a license under  
1332 chapter 128A or 128C; and (ii) includes a person who owns more than 5 per cent of the common  
1333 stock of the applicant company, directly or indirectly, or is an institutional investor in the gaming  
1334 license.

1335 (e) A category 2 license issued pursuant to this chapter shall not be transferrable or  
1336 assignable without the approval of the commission; provided, however, that for 5 years after the  
1337 initial issuance of a category 2 license, the commission shall only approve such a transfer if: (i)  
1338 the licensee experiences a change in ownership; or (ii) the licensee fails to maintain suitability or  
1339 other circumstances which the commission may consider, which, in the opinion of a majority of  
1340 members of the commission, impact a licensee's ability to successfully operate a gaming  
1341 establishment.

1342 (f) A category 2 license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be for a period of 5 years.  
1343 The commission shall establish procedures for renewal and set the renewal fee based on the cost  
1344 of fees associated with the evaluation of a licensee; provided, however, that the cost of renewal  
1345 shall not be less than \$100,000. Any renewal fees shall be deposited into the Gaming Revenue  
1346 Fund.

1347 Section 21. (a) The commission shall prescribe the form of the gaming license, which shall  
1348 include, but not be limited to, the following license conditions for each licensee. The licensee  
1349 shall:

1350 (1) have an affirmative obligation to abide by every statement made in its application to  
1351 the commission including all evaluation criteria and eligibility requirements;

1352 (2) comply with all laws of the commonwealth, the laws of the United States and all rules  
1353 and regulations promulgated under this chapter;

1354 (3) pay daily to the commission the gross gaming revenue payment;

1355 (4) make, or cause to be made, capital expenditures to its gaming establishment in a  
1356 minimum aggregate amount equal to the lesser of \$15 million or 3.5 per cent per year of the net  
1357 gaming revenues derived from the establishment;

1358 (5) change its business governing structure without the notification and approval of the  
1359 commission;

1360 (6) operate, invest or own, in whole or in part, another gaming licensee's license or  
1361 gaming establishment;

1362 (7) cooperate with the commission and the attorney general in all gaming-related  
1363 investigations. Each gaming licensee shall make readily available all documents, materials,  
1364 equipment, personnel and any other items requested during all investigations; provided, however,  
1365 that material that the gaming licensee considers a trade secret or detrimental to the gaming  
1366 licensee if it were made public may, with the commission's approval, be protected from public  
1367 disclosure and the gaming licensee may require nondisclosure agreements with the commission  
1368 before disclosing such material;

1369 (8) cooperate with the commission and the attorney general with respect to the  
1370 investigation of any criminal matter; provided, however, that the gaming licensee shall, upon  
1371 receipt of a criminal or civil process compelling testimony or production of documents in  
1372 connection with a civil or criminal investigation, immediately disclose such information to the

1373 commission; and provided further, that this clause shall not prohibit private persons or public  
1374 entities from seeking any remedy or damages against a gaming licensee;

1375 (9) allow the commission or the division and state police officers assigned to the  
1376 commission or the division to conduct warrantless searches of the licensee's gaming area;

1377 (10) have a duty to inform the commission of any action which the gaming licensee  
1378 reasonably believes would constitute a violation of this chapter, and shall assist the commission  
1379 and any federal or state law enforcement agency in the investigation and prosecution of such  
1380 violation; provided, however, that no person who informs the commission of such an action shall  
1381 be discriminated against by an applicant or gaming licensee as a consequence for having  
1382 supplied such information;

1383 (11) provide an office for the commission at the gaming establishment and the designated  
1384 state police unit at the gaming establishment; provided, however, that the commission shall  
1385 establish the minimum requirements for square footage for the state police office, office  
1386 furnishings and parking space;

1387 (12) collect and annually report to the commission a detailed statistical report on the  
1388 number, job titles, benefits and salaries of employees hired and retained in employment at the  
1389 gaming establishment;

1390 (13) employ only those persons licensed or registered by the commission;

1391 (14) do business only with those vendors licensed or registered by the commission;

1392 (15) provide to the commission aggregate demographic information with respect to the  
1393 gaming licensee's customers in a manner and under a schedule to be defined by the commission;

1394 (16) provide complimentary on-site space for an independent substance abuse,  
1395 compulsive gambling and mental health counseling service and establish a program to train  
1396 gaming employees in the identification of and intervention with customers exhibiting problem  
1397 gaming behavior;

1398 (17) keep conspicuously posted in the gaming area a notice containing the name and a  
1399 telephone number for problem gambling assistance; provided, however, that the commission  
1400 may require the gaming licensee to provide this information in more than 1 language;

1401 (18) provide a process for individuals to exclude their names and contact information  
1402 from the gaming licensee's database or any other list held by the gaming licensee for use in  
1403 marketing or promotional communications;

1404 (19) institute additional public health strategies as required by the commission;

1405 (20) abide by an affirmative-action program of equal opportunity by which the gaming  
1406 licensee guarantees to provide equal employment opportunities to all employees qualified for  
1407 licensure in all employment categories, including a person with a disability, under the laws of the  
1408 commonwealth.

1409 (21) formulate for commission approval and abide by an affirmative marketing program  
1410 by which the gaming licensee identifies specific goals, expressed as an overall program goal  
1411 applicable to the total dollar amount or value of contracts entered into, for the utilization of: (i)  
1412 minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to  
1413 participate as contractors in the design of the gaming establishment; (ii) minority business  
1414 enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to participate as  
1415 contractors in the construction of the gaming establishment; and (iii) minority business

1416 enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises to participate as  
1417 vendors in the provision of goods and services procured by the gaming establishment and any  
1418 businesses operated as part of the gaming establishment; provided, however, that the specific  
1419 goals for the utilization of such minority business enterprises, women business enterprises and  
1420 veteran business enterprises shall be based on the availability of such minority business  
1421 enterprises, women business enterprises and veteran business enterprises engaged in the type of  
1422 work to be contracted by the gaming licensee;

1423           (22) formulate for commission approval and abide by an affirmative action program of  
1424 equal opportunity whereby the licensee establishes specific goals for the utilization of minorities,  
1425 women and veterans on construction jobs; provided, however, that such goals shall be equal to or  
1426 greater than the goals contained in executive office of administration and finance administration  
1427 Bulletin Number 14; provided further, that in furtherance of the specific goals for the utilization  
1428 of minorities, women and veterans on construction jobs, the gaming licensee shall send to each  
1429 labor union or representative of workers with which the gaming licensee or its agent has a  
1430 collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising the labor  
1431 union or workers' representative of the gaming licensee's commitments;

1432           (23) provide to the commission, on a quarterly basis, a detailed statistical report on the  
1433 number, gender and race of individuals hired to perform labor as part of the construction of the  
1434 gaming establishment; and

1435           (24) collect and annually provide to the commission a detailed statistical report on the  
1436 total dollar amounts contracted with and actually paid to minority business enterprises, women  
1437 business enterprises and veterans business enterprises in: (i) design contracts; (ii) construction

1438 contracts; and (iii) contracts for every good and service procured by the gaming establishment;  
1439 provided, however, that such statistical report shall also identify the amounts so contracted as a  
1440 percentage of total dollar amounts contracted with and actually paid to all firms.

1441 (b) No person shall transfer a gaming license, a direct or indirect real interest, structure,  
1442 real property, premises, facility, personal interest or pecuniary interest under a gaming license  
1443 issued under this chapter or enter into an option contract, management contract or other  
1444 agreement or contract providing for such transfer in the present or future, without the notification  
1445 to, and approval by, the commission. The commission may promulgate rules and regulations that  
1446 create exemptions from the approval requirement; provided, however, that: (i) in no event shall  
1447 a bona fide commercial financial institution licensed by the division of banks which becomes a  
1448 substantial party of interest with a gaming licensee be considered a transferee; (ii) the  
1449 commission may require the transferor, transferee, or both, to pay to the commission an amount  
1450 representing the commonwealth's share of the increased value for the transferred licenses,  
1451 property or interest; provided, further, that the commission shall consider as a factor in  
1452 determining the amount of the payment the market value of the gaming license, property or  
1453 interest when it was acquired and at the time of the transfer; provided further, that the  
1454 commission may place additional conditions or restrictions on a transfer that the commission  
1455 considers suitable; provided further, that the commission may reject a transfer if the commission  
1456 considers the transfer unsuitable; and (iii) any payments collected by the commission on behalf  
1457 of the commonwealth based on the transfer shall be deposited in the same manner as license fees  
1458 are deposited.

1459 (c) The commission may include any reasonable additional requirements to the license  
1460 conditions.

1461 (25) require its security personnel to conduct regular checks of parking areas for minors left in  
1462 motor vehicles and immediately report any such finding to the local police in the municipality  
1463 where the gaming establishment is located.

1464 Section 22. The sale, assignment, transfer, pledge or other disposition of any security issued by a  
1465 corporation, which holds a gaming license shall be conditional and shall be ineffective if  
1466 disapproved by the commission. If at any time the commission finds that an individual owner or  
1467 holder of a security of a corporate licensee or of a holding or intermediary company with respect  
1468 thereto is not qualified under this chapter and if as a result the corporate licensee is no longer  
1469 qualified to continue as a gaming licensee, the commission shall take any action necessary to  
1470 protect the interests of the commonwealth including, but not limited to, suspension or revocation  
1471 of the gaming license of the corporation.

1472 Each corporation which has been issued a gaming license pursuant to this chapter shall file a  
1473 report of any change of its corporate officers or members of its board of directors with the  
1474 commission. No officer or director shall be entitled to exercise any powers of office until  
1475 qualified by the commission.

1476 Section 23. (a) A category 1 or category 2 licensee shall issue an annual report to the commission  
1477 explicitly stating its progress on meeting each of the stated goals and stipulations put forth in the  
1478 licensee's original application. Inability to meet stated goals within a reasonable time frame, as  
1479 determined by the commission, shall result in additional fees as deemed fair and reasonable by  
1480 the commission. Failure to meet stated goals may also result in revocation of the license at any  
1481 time by the commission.

1482 Nothing in this section shall preclude the commission at any time from reviewing the business  
1483 operations of a gaming licensee to ensure that the conditions of licensure are being met  
1484 including, but not limited to, the suitability of the gaming licensee and any affiliates and the  
1485 fiscal stability of the gaming establishment.

1486 (b) The commission may condition, suspend or revoke a gaming license upon a finding that a  
1487 licensee: (i) has committed a criminal or civil offense under this chapter or under any other laws  
1488 of the commonwealth; (ii) is not in compliance with gaming regulations or is under criminal  
1489 investigation in another jurisdiction; (iii) has breached a condition of licensure; (iv) has affiliates,  
1490 close associates or employees that are not qualified or licensed under this chapter with whom the  
1491 gaming licensee continues to conduct business or employ; (v) is no longer capable of  
1492 maintaining operations at a gaming establishment; or (vi) whose business practice, upon a  
1493 determination by the commission, is injurious to the policy objectives of this chapter.

1494 (c) Whenever any person contracts to transfer any property relating to an ongoing gaming  
1495 establishment, including a security holding in a gaming licensee or holding or intermediary  
1496 company, under circumstances which require that the transferee obtain licensure under this  
1497 chapter, the contract shall not specify a closing or settlement date which is earlier than the 121  
1498 days after the submission of a completed application for licensure or qualification, which  
1499 application shall include a fully executed and approved trust agreement.

1500 The commission shall hold a hearing and render a decision on the interim authorization of the  
1501 new applicant. If the commission grants interim authorization, then the closing or settlement may  
1502 occur without interruption of operations of the gaming establishment. If the commission denies  
1503 interim authorization, there shall be no closing or settlement until the commission makes a



1504 determination on the qualification of the applicant, and if the commission then denies  
1505 qualification the contract shall thereby be terminated for all purposes without liability on the part  
1506 of the transferor. The commission shall promulgate further regulations for interim authorization  
1507 of a gaming establishment.

1508 (d) No person or affiliate shall be awarded, purchase or otherwise hold or have a financial  
1509 interest in more than 1 gaming license issued by the commission.

1510 Section 24. (a) An applicant for a gaming license shall maintain an existing racing facility on the  
1511 premises; provided, however, that the gaming licensee shall conduct live horse racing of the  
1512 same horse breed that raced at the existing facility under Chapter 128A in the year 2010 and  
1513 shall increase the number of live racing days to a minimum of 125 days according to the  
1514 following schedule: (i) in the first calendar year of operation, a gaming licensee shall hold 105  
1515 racing days; (ii) in the second calendar year of operation, a gaming licensee shall hold 115 racing  
1516 days; and (iii) in the third and subsequent calendar years of operation, a gaming licensee shall  
1517 hold 125 racing days;

1518 (b) A gaming licensee may increase the number of live racing days if the gaming licensee is  
1519 holding a minimum of 125 racing days within 3 years of receiving a gaming license. If a gaming  
1520 licensee does not conduct live racing for the minimum number of days set forth in subsection (a),  
1521 the commission shall suspend the gaming license.

1522 (c) After 3 years of operation of the gaming establishment and in consultation with the parties to  
1523 the purse agreement, the commission may adjust the amount of required racing days at a gaming  
1524 establishment based on fields, demand and racing performance.

1525 (d) A gaming licensee with a live racetrack shall have an annual purse agreement in effect by  
1526 December 31 of each year for the following year's racing; provided, however, that if the parties  
1527 to a purse agreement at a gaming establishment cannot in good faith negotiate an agreement by  
1528 December 31, the purse agreement shall be arbitrated by the commission.

1529 Section 25. (a) No gaming licensee shall conduct gaming without an operations certificate issued  
1530 by the commission. An operations certificate shall only be issued upon compliance with the  
1531 requirements of this chapter including, but not limited to: (i) implementation of all management  
1532 controls required by the commission including, without limitation, controls on accounting,  
1533 wagering and auditing; (ii) implementation of all security precautions required by the  
1534 commission; (iii) an up to date listing of all gaming employees; (iv) licensing or registering of all  
1535 gaming employees; (v) the provision of office space at the gaming establishment for use by the  
1536 commission employees; (vi) the hours of operation of the gaming establishment; and (vii) that its  
1537 personnel and procedures are efficient and prepared to entertain the public.

1538 The operations certificate shall be conspicuously posted and shall state the number of slot  
1539 machines, table games or other authorized games, if applicable.

1540 (b) A gaming licensee may operate a gaming establishment from 6:00 am to 5:59 am; provided,  
1541 however, that the gaming establishment shall register its hours of operation with the commission.

1542 (c) Each gaming establishment shall arrange its gaming area in such a manner as to promote  
1543 optimum security for the gaming establishment operations including, but not limited to: (i) a  
1544 closed circuit television system according to specifications approved by the commission, with  
1545 access on the licensed premises to the system or its signal provided to the commission; (ii) rooms  
1546 or locations approved by the commission for use by commission employees; and (iii) design

1547 specifications that ensure that visibility in a gaming area is not obstructed in any way that might  
1548 interfere with the ability of the commission or the division to supervise gaming establishment  
1549 operations.

1550 (d) Each applicant for a gaming license shall submit to the commission: (i) a description of its  
1551 minimum system of internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls for gaming  
1552 and any simulcast wagering operations; (ii) a certification by the applicant's chief legal officer  
1553 that the submitted procedures conform to this chapter and any regulations promulgated  
1554 hereunder; and (iii) a certification by the applicant's chief financial officer that the submitted  
1555 procedures provide adequate and effective controls, establish a consistent overall system of  
1556 internal procedures and administrative and accounting controls and conform to generally  
1557 accepted accounting principles and any additional standards required by the commission. Each  
1558 applicant shall submit the above descriptions and certifications at least 30 business days before  
1559 such operations are scheduled to commence unless otherwise directed by the commission;  
1560 provided, however, that no gaming licensee shall commence gaming operations or alter its  
1561 minimum internal controls until such system of minimum controls is approved by the  
1562 commission. The commission shall establish regulations for the information required in the  
1563 internal control submission.

1564 Any proposed changes to a gaming licensee's system of internal procedures and controls shall be  
1565 submitted to the commission along with 2 new certifications from its chief legal and financial  
1566 officers. If the commission does not object, the gaming licensee may make the proposed  
1567 changes 15 business days after submitting a description of the changes to the commission.

1568 (e) Gaming equipment shall not be possessed, maintained or exhibited by any person on the  
1569 premises of a gaming establishment except in a gaming area approved by the commission or in a  
1570 restricted area used for the inspection, repair or storage of such equipment and specifically  
1571 designated for that purpose; provided, however, that this subsection shall not apply to licensed  
1572 gaming vendors who operate a warehouse, showroom or sales facility within the commonwealth  
1573 subject to the approval of the commission.

1574 (f) Each gaming establishment shall contain a count room and such other secure facilities as may  
1575 be required by the commission for the counting and storage of cash, coins, tokens, checks,  
1576 plaques, gaming vouchers, coupons and other devices or items of value used in wagering and  
1577 approved by the commission that are received in the conduct of gaming and for the inspection,  
1578 counting and storage of dice, cards, chips and other representatives of value.

1579 (g) A dealer may accept tips or gratuities from a patron at the table game where such dealer is  
1580 conducting play; provided, however, that such tips or gratuities shall be placed in a pool for  
1581 distribution among other dealers. The commission shall determine how tips and gratuities shall  
1582 be set aside for the dealer pool as well as the manner of distribution among dealers. No key  
1583 gaming employee or any other gaming official who serves in a supervisory position shall solicit  
1584 or accept a tip or gratuity from a player or patron in the gaming establishment where the  
1585 employee is employed.

1586 (h) No person under the age of 21 shall be permitted to wager or be in a gaming area; provided,  
1587 however, that a person 18 years or over of age who is a licensed employee of the gaming  
1588 establishment may be in a gaming area if in the performance of the duties the employee is  
1589 licensed to undertake.

1590 (i) No category 1 or category 2 licensee shall operate unless the gaming establishment manager  
1591 or the manager's designee is on the premises and representatives of the commission are present  
1592 at the gaming establishment.

1593 (j) Each gaming establishment shall file an emergency response plan with the fire department  
1594 and police department of the host community which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) a  
1595 layout identifying all areas within the facility and grounds, including support systems and the  
1596 internal and external access routes; (ii) the location and inventory of emergency response  
1597 equipment and the contact information of the emergency response coordinator for the gaming  
1598 establishment; (iii) the location of any hazardous substances and a description of any public  
1599 health or safety hazards present on site; (iv) a description of any special equipment needed to  
1600 respond to an emergency at the gaming establishment; (v) an evacuation plan; and (vi) any other  
1601 information relating to emergency response as requested by the commission, the fire department  
1602 or the police department of the host community.

1603 Section 26. (a) Notwithstanding chapter 138 or any other general or special law or rule or  
1604 regulation to the contrary, the commission may grant, upon request of an applicant for a gaming  
1605 license, a gaming beverage license for the sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages to be  
1606 drunk on the premises of a gaming establishment. The division of gaming liquor enforcement of  
1607 the alcoholic beverage control commission shall have the authority to enforce, regulate and  
1608 control the distribution of alcoholic beverages in a gaming establishment.

1609 (b) The fee for the gaming beverage license and any renewals of the license shall be determined  
1610 by the commission. The application fee shall be remitted with the gaming application fee.

1611 (c) Notwithstanding any regulation to the contrary, a licensee under this section shall be  
1612 permitted to distribute alcohol free of charge and for on-premise consumption to patrons in the  
1613 gaming area or as a complimentary service or item in the gaming establishment; provided,  
1614 however, that the commission, in consultation with the alcoholic beverages control commission,  
1615 shall promulgate regulations on such distribution as well as the forms of identification that may  
1616 be presented to the gaming licensee to demonstrate proof that a person has attained the age of 21;  
1617 provided further, that such regulations shall include requirements relative to alcohol training  
1618 certification for any employee who serves alcohol at the gaming establishment.

1619 (d) The request submitted to the commission for a gaming beverage license by an applicant for a  
1620 gaming license shall detail all areas where alcoholic beverages will be served within the gaming  
1621 establishment. In issuing a gaming beverage license, the commission shall describe the scope of  
1622 the particular license and any restrictions and limitations; provided, however, that the gaming  
1623 beverage license shall not permit the sale or distribution of alcoholic beverages between the  
1624 hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m.

1625 (e) A gaming licensee shall be responsible for violations of the gaming beverage license in the  
1626 gaming establishment. The commission may revoke, suspend, refuse to renew or refuse to  
1627 transfer a gaming beverage license for violations of chapter 138 that pertain to the sale and  
1628 distribution of alcohol drunk on-premises and the regulations adopted by the commission. If, at  
1629 any time, a gaming licensee elects temporary suspension of their gaming license due to  
1630 violations of this section, said gaming licensee shall owe the commonwealth the average tax on  
1631 gross gaming revenue based on an appropriate period of time as determined by the commission  
1632 for the number of days operation was suspended.

1633 (f) A gaming beverage license shall be nontransferable without prior approval from the  
1634 commission. If the gaming beverage license is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, it shall be  
1635 returned physically, with all the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining to the license,  
1636 to the commission and the commission may then grant the license to a new gaming licensee  
1637 under the same conditions as specified in this section.

1638 (g) A license granted under this section shall not decrease the number of such licenses authorized  
1639 to be granted to the host community under chapter 138.

1640 Section 27. (a) A gaming licensee shall be permitted to issue credit to a patron of a gaming  
1641 establishment in accordance with regulations promulgated by the commission. Such regulations  
1642 shall include, but not be limited to: (i) procedures for confirming that a patron has an established  
1643 credit history and is in good standing; (ii) whether the patron has a good credit history with the  
1644 gaming establishment; (iii) authorization of any credit instrument; (iv) methods for  
1645 acknowledging a credit instrument and payment of debt; and (v) information to be provided by  
1646 the patron to the gaming establishment to be shared with the commission for auditing purposes.

1647 (b) Except as otherwise authorized by the commission through regulations under this chapter, no  
1648 gaming establishment, nor any person acting on behalf of said gaming establishment shall cash  
1649 any check, make any loan, or otherwise provide or allow to any person any credit or advance of  
1650 anything of value, or which represents value, to enable any person to place a wager; or release or  
1651 discharge any debt, either in whole or in part, or make any loan which represents any losses  
1652 incurred by any player in gaming or simulcast wagering activity, without maintaining a written  
1653 record of the release or discharge in accordance with the rules of the commission. Nothing in this

1654 section shall prohibit a gaming establishment from accepting credit cards for non-gaming related  
1655 purchases or services.

1656 (c) Checks cashed in conformity with the requirements of this section shall be valid instruments  
1657 enforceable under the laws of the commonwealth. Any check cashed, transferred, conveyed or  
1658 given in violation of this section or regulations promulgated thereunder shall be invalid and  
1659 unenforceable.

1660 (d) The commission shall establish procedures and standards for approving promotional gaming  
1661 credits, provided, however, that no such credit shall be reported as a promotional gaming credit  
1662 by an operator of a gaming establishment unless the operator can establish that the credit was  
1663 issued by the gaming establishment and received from a patron as a wager at a slot machine in  
1664 the gaming establishment, provided further, that such promotional gaming credit shall not be  
1665 taxable for the purposes of determining gross revenue.

1666 (e) No person, other than a gaming licensee, shall issue credit to a patron in a gaming  
1667 establishment.

1668 (f) The commission shall, in consultation with the department of transitional assistance, the  
1669 department of labor and workforce development, the department of housing and community  
1670 development or the applicable administering agency, establish by regulation procedures and  
1671 standards to prohibit a gaming establishment or any person acting on behalf of a gaming  
1672 establishment from: (i) cashing a government-issued check; (ii) from operating on its premises  
1673 any credit card or ATM machine that would allow a patron to obtain cash from a government-  
1674 issued Electronic Benefits Transfer Card; and (iii) from extending or issuing credit to a patron of  
1675 a gaming establishment who receives any form of income-based public assistance including, but



1676 not limited to, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy  
1677 Families, Emergency Aid to Elders, Disabled and Children, public housing assistance,  
1678 MassHealth and unemployment insurance. The procedures and standards established shall  
1679 ensure the privacy of all patrons receiving public assistance.

1680 (g) A person may petition the commission to place the person's name on a list of persons to  
1681 whom the extension of credit by a gaming establishment shall be prohibited. Any person filing  
1682 such petition shall submit to the commission the person's name, address and date of birth. The  
1683 person shall not be required to provide a reason for the request. The commission shall provide  
1684 this list to the credit department of each gaming establishment; provided, however, that neither  
1685 the commission nor the credit department of a gaming establishment shall divulge the names on  
1686 this list to any person or entity other than those provided for in this subsection. If such a person  
1687 wishes to have their name removed from the list, the person shall petition the commission in  
1688 accordance with procedures for removal set forth by the commission. If the commission  
1689 approves the request, the commission shall so inform the credit department of the gaming  
1690 establishments no later than 7 days after approving the request.

1691 (h) Debt collections under this section and regulations promulgated thereunder shall be limited to  
1692 key gaming employees or attorneys acting directly on behalf of gaming licensees; provided,  
1693 further, that a key gaming employee shall be prohibited from making any such collections if they  
1694 serve as a junket representative for the gaming licensee.

1695 Section 28. (a) No gaming licensee shall offer to provide any complimentary services, gifts, cash  
1696 or other items of value to any person unless the complimentary item consists of a room, food,  
1697 beverage, transportation or entertainment expenses provided directly to the patron and the

1698 patron's guests by the gaming licensee or indirectly to the patron and the patron's guests on  
1699 behalf of a third party or the complimentary item consists of coins, tokens, cash or other  
1700 complimentary items or services provided through a complimentary distribution program which  
1701 shall be filed and approved by the commission upon the implementation of the program or  
1702 maintained under regulation.

1703 (b) Gaming licensees shall submit quarterly reports to the commission covering all  
1704 complimentary services offered or engaged in by the gaming licensee during the immediately  
1705 preceding quarter. The reports shall identify regulated complimentary services and the costs of  
1706 those services, the number of people who received each service or item and such other  
1707 information as the commission may require. The report shall also document any services or  
1708 items valued in excess of \$2,000 that were provided to patrons, including detailed reasons as to  
1709 why they were provided.

1710 (c) Complimentary services or items shall be valued in an amount based upon the retail price  
1711 normally charged by the gaming licensee for the service or item. The value of a complimentary  
1712 service or item not normally offered for sale by a gaming licensee or provided by a third party on  
1713 behalf of a gaming licensee shall be the cost to the gaming licensee of providing the service or  
1714 item, as determined under rules adopted by the commission.

1715 Section 29. A gaming establishment offering a cashless wagering system shall allow individuals  
1716 to monitor and impose betting limits on their cashless wagering. The gaming establishment shall  
1717 allow individuals to set betting limits on their cashless wagering including, but not limited to, per  
1718 bet limits, hourly limits, daily limits, weekly limits and monthly limits. An individual may lower  
1719 limits and increase limits; provided, that the individual shall not increase betting limits more than

1720 once in a 24 hour period. Upon request by an individual, the gaming establishment shall provide  
1721 to that individual a statement of that individual's cashless wagering activity for any given time  
1722 period including total bets, wins and losses. Activity under this section shall be monitored by the  
1723 commission. Individuals on the list of excluded persons shall not be permitted to participate in a  
1724 cashless wagering system.

1725 Section 30. (a) No person shall be employed by a gaming licensee unless such person has been  
1726 licensed by or registered with the commission.

1727 (b) Any person seeking a key gaming employee license or a gaming employee license shall file  
1728 an application with the bureau. Such application shall be on a form prescribed by the bureau and  
1729 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: (i) the name of the applicant; (ii) the  
1730 address of the applicant and place of permanent residency; (iii) a detailed employment history of  
1731 the applicant; (iv) fingerprints; (v) a criminal and arrest record; and (vi) any civil judgments  
1732 obtained against the applicant pertaining to antitrust or security regulation. The bureau may  
1733 require such other information as it considers appropriate including, but not limited to,  
1734 information related to the financial integrity of the applicant and may require the applicant to  
1735 submit other documentation it considers appropriate including, but not limited to, bank accounts  
1736 and records, bank references, business and personal income and disbursement schedules, tax  
1737 returns and other reports filed by government agencies and business and personal accounting  
1738 check records and ledgers.

1739 (c) All other employees in a gaming establishment who are not considered to be gaming  
1740 employees, key gaming employees or who have restricted access to an area of the gaming  
1741 establishment or knowledge of security procedures, shall be required to register with the bureau

1742 as a gaming service employee and shall produce such information as the bureau may require to  
1743 become registered under this chapter.

1744 (d) Upon receipt of an application for a key gaming employee license and a gaming employee  
1745 license the bureau shall conduct an investigation of each applicant which shall include obtaining  
1746 criminal offender record information from the criminal history systems board as well as  
1747 exchanging fingerprint data and criminal history with the state police and the United States  
1748 Federal Bureau of Investigation.

1749 (e) Upon petition by a gaming licensee, the commission may issue a temporary license to an  
1750 applicant for a key gaming employee license or a gaming employee license provided that: (i) the  
1751 applicant for a key gaming employee license or gaming employee license has filed a complete  
1752 application with the commission; and (ii) the gaming licensee certifies, and the commission  
1753 finds, that the issuance of a temporary license is necessary for the operation of the gaming  
1754 establishment and is not designed to circumvent the normal licensing procedures.

1755 Unless otherwise stated by the commission, a temporary license issued under this section shall  
1756 expire 6 months from the date of its issuance and may be renewed, at the discretion of the  
1757 commission, for an additional 6 month period.

1758 (f) The commission may deny any application for a key gaming employee or gaming employee  
1759 license or the registration of any other employee of a gaming establishment if the commission  
1760 finds that an applicant or registrant is disqualified under section 16 or may be unsuitable for  
1761 licensure under any of the criteria set forth in section 12; provided, however, that the  
1762 commission, in its discretion, may issue a license to an applicant for a gaming employee license  
1763 or register a gaming service employee who has a prior conviction if the applicant or registrant

1764 can affirmatively demonstrate the applicant's rehabilitation. In considering the rehabilitation of  
1765 an applicant for a license under this section, the commission shall consider the following: (i) the  
1766 nature and duties of the position of the applicant; (ii) the nature and seriousness of the offense or  
1767 conduct; (iii) the circumstances under which the offense or conduct occurred; (iv) the date of the  
1768 offense or conduct; (v) the age of the applicant when the offense or conduct was committed; (vi)  
1769 whether the offense or conduct was an isolated or repeated incident; (vii) any social conditions  
1770 which may have contributed to the offense or conduct; and (viii) any evidence of rehabilitation,  
1771 including recommendations and references of persons supervising the applicant since the offense  
1772 or conduct was committed.

1773 (g) After completing an investigation of an applicant for a key gaming employee or gaming  
1774 employee license the bureau shall approve or deny the license. Any orders by the bureau  
1775 denying an application under this section shall be accompanied with an explanation of why an  
1776 applicant did not meet the qualifications for licensure under this chapter. An applicant for a key  
1777 gaming employee or gaming employee license may request a hearing before the bureau to  
1778 contest the findings. After the hearing the applicant may appeal the decision of the bureau to the  
1779 commission and the commission may hear the appeal on the record. The decision of the  
1780 commission shall be final and applicants for a key gaming employee or gaming employee license  
1781 shall not be entitled to further review.

1782 (h) The commission shall be authorized to condition, suspend or revoke any license or  
1783 registration under this section if the commission finds that a licensee or registrant has: (i) been  
1784 arrested or convicted of a crime while employed by a gaming establishment and failed to report  
1785 charges or the conviction to the commission; (ii) failed to comply with the requirements of

1786 section 14; or (iii) failed to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter pertaining to  
1787 licensees.

1788 (i) The commission shall establish fees for a key gaming employee and a gaming employee  
1789 license which shall include costs incurred for conducting a background investigation into an  
1790 applicant for a license. The commission shall establish the term of a key gaming employee and a  
1791 gaming employee license. It shall be the responsibility of any key gaming employee or gaming  
1792 employee to ensure that the employee's license is current.

1793 Section 31. (a) No person shall conduct a business with a gaming licensee unless such person has  
1794 been licensed or registered with the commission.

1795 (b) Any person seeking a gaming vendor license shall file an application with the bureau. Such  
1796 application shall be on a form prescribed by the commission and shall include, but shall not be  
1797 limited to, the following: (i) the name of the applicant; (ii) the post office address and if a  
1798 corporation, the name of the state under the laws of which it is incorporated, the location of its  
1799 principal place of business and the names and addresses of its directors and stockholders; (iii) a  
1800 criminal and arrest record; (iv) any civil judgments obtained against the person pertaining to  
1801 antitrust or security regulation; (v) the identity of every person having a direct or indirect interest  
1802 in the business, and the nature of such interest; provided further, that if the disclosed entity is a  
1803 trust, the application shall disclose the names and addresses of all beneficiaries; provided further,  
1804 that if the disclosed entity is a partnership, the names and addresses of all partners, both general  
1805 and limited; and provided further, that if the disclosed entity is a limited liability company, the  
1806 names and addresses of all members; (vi) an independent audit report of all financial activities  
1807 and interests including, but not limited to, the disclosure of all contributions, donations, loans or

1808 any other financial transactions to or from any gaming entity or operator in the past 5 years; and  
1809 (vii) clear and convincing evidence of financial stability including, but not limited to, bank  
1810 references, business and personal income and disbursement schedules, tax returns and other  
1811 reports filed by government agencies and business and personal accounting check records and  
1812 ledgers. The commission may require such other information as it considers appropriate  
1813 including, but not limited to, information related to the financial integrity of the applicant and  
1814 may require the applicant to submit other documentation it considers appropriate including, but  
1815 not limited to, bank accounts and records, bank references, business and personal income and  
1816 disbursement schedules, tax returns and other reports filed by government agencies and business  
1817 and personal accounting check records and ledgers.

1818 (c) No person shall manufacture, sell, distribute, test or repair slot machines, other than antique  
1819 slot machines as defined in section 5A of chapter 271, without a valid gaming vendor license  
1820 issued by the commission.

1821 (d) All other suppliers or vendors who are not considered to be gaming vendors including, but  
1822 not limited to, construction companies, vending machine providers, linen suppliers, garbage  
1823 handlers, maintenance companies, limousine services, food purveyors or suppliers of alcoholic  
1824 beverages, shall be considered non-gaming vendors and shall be required to register with the  
1825 commission and shall produce such information as the commission may require; provided,  
1826 however, that the commission may require any vendor regularly conducting over \$250,000 of  
1827 business with a gaming licensee within a 12-month period or \$100,000 of business within a 3-  
1828 year period to be licensed as a gaming vendor.

1829 (e) Any person owning more than 5 per cent of the common stock of a company required to be  
1830 licensed as a gaming vendor, or a holding, intermediary or subsidiary of such company, shall be  
1831 required to file for licensure. The commission may waive the licensing requirements for  
1832 institutional investors holding up to 15 per cent of the stock of the company, or holding,  
1833 intermediary or subsidiary company of the such company, upon a showing by the person seeking  
1834 the waiver that the applicant purchased the securities for investment purposes only and does not  
1835 have any intention to influence or affect the affairs or operations of the company or a holding,  
1836 intermediary or subsidiary of the such company. Any institutional investor granted a waiver  
1837 which subsequently determines to influence or affect the affairs or operations of the gaming  
1838 vendor, or a holding, intermediary or subsidiary of the gaming vendor, shall provide not less than  
1839 30 days notice to the commission of such intent and shall file an application and be subject to the  
1840 licensing requirements of this chapter before taking any action that may influence or affect the  
1841 affairs of the applicant company or a holding, intermediary or subsidiary of the applicant  
1842 company. Any company holding over 15 per cent of a gaming vendor, or a holding,  
1843 intermediary or subsidiary of a gaming vendor, shall be licensed under this chapter.

1844 (f) If an applicant for a gaming vendor license or vendor or supplier registration is licensed or  
1845 registered in another jurisdiction within the United States with comparable license and  
1846 registration requirements and is in good standing in all the jurisdictions in which it holds a  
1847 license or registration, the commission may enter into a reciprocal agreement with the applicant  
1848 to allow for an abbreviated licensing or registration process and issue a gaming vendor license or  
1849 registration under this section; provided, however, that the commission shall reserve its rights to  
1850 investigate the qualifications of an applicant at any time and may require the applicant to submit  
1851 to a full application for a gaming vendor license or provide further information for registration.



1852 (g) The bureau shall deny any application for a gaming vendor license or the registration of any  
1853 other vendor or supplier if the bureau finds that any applicant or registrant is disqualified under  
1854 section 16 or may be unsuitable for licensure under any of the criteria set forth in section 12.

1855 (h) After completing an investigation of an applicant for a gaming vendor license, the bureau  
1856 shall approve or deny the license. Any orders by the bureau denying an application under this  
1857 section shall be accompanied with an explanation of why an applicant did not meet the  
1858 qualifications for licensure under this section. An applicant for a gaming vendor license may  
1859 request a hearing before the bureau to contest the findings. After the hearing the applicant may  
1860 appeal the decision of the bureau to the commission and the commission may hear the appeal on  
1861 the record. The decision of the commission shall be the final and applicants for a gaming vendor  
1862 license shall not be entitled to further review.

1863 (i) The commission shall be authorized to condition, suspend or revoke any license or  
1864 registration under this section if the commission finds that a licensee or registrant has: (i) been  
1865 arrested or convicted of a crime; (ii) failed to comply with section 13; or (iii) failed to comply  
1866 with any provision of this chapter pertaining to licensees.

1867 (j) The commission shall establish a master gaming or non-gaming vendor list to monitor all  
1868 vendor contracts with a gaming establishment. Any gaming or non-gaming vendor doing  
1869 business with a gaming establishment who has failed to submit an application for licensure or  
1870 registration shall be prohibited from engaging in any future business with a gaming  
1871 establishment; provided, however, that the commission may terminate any contract that has been  
1872 entered into with an unlicensed or unregistered gaming or non-gaming vendor.

1873 (k) Gaming licensees shall have a continuing duty to inform the commission of all vendor  
1874 contracts.

1875 (l) A license or registration issued under this section shall be issued for a term of 3 years. It shall  
1876 be the responsibility of the gaming vendor or non-gaming vendor to ensure that the license is  
1877 current.

1878 (m) The commission shall establish fees for gaming vendor licenses and non-gaming vendor  
1879 registrations which shall include costs incurred for conducting a background investigation into an  
1880 applicant for the license.

1881 (n) The commission shall monitor the conduct of all gaming vendors and other persons having a  
1882 material involvement, directly or indirectly, with a gaming vendor to ensure that gaming vendor  
1883 licenses are not issued to, or held by, and there is no direct or indirect material involvement with,  
1884 a gaming vendor by unqualified, disqualified or unsuitable persons.

1885 Section 32. (a) Each labor organization, union or affiliate seeking to represent employees who  
1886 are employed at a gaming establishment shall register with the commission.

1887 (b) Neither a labor organization, nor its officers who are not otherwise licensed or registered  
1888 under this chapter, may hold any financial interest in a gaming establishment whose employees  
1889 are represented by the organization.

1890 Section 33. (a) No junkets may be organized or permitted and no person may act as a junket  
1891 representative or junket enterprise except as authorized by the commission under this chapter.

1892 (b) A junket representative employed by a gaming licensee or affiliate of a gaming licensee shall  
1893 be licensed as a gaming employee including provisions for the issuance of a temporary license;

1894 provided, however, that the junket representative need not be a resident of the commonwealth. A  
1895 person who holds a valid gaming employee license may act as a junket representative while  
1896 employed by a gaming licensee or an affiliate. No gaming licensee shall employ or otherwise  
1897 engage a junket representative who is not licensed under this chapter.

1898 (c) The commission shall deny an application for a license under this section if the commission  
1899 finds that an applicant is disqualified under section 16 or may be unsuitable for licensure under  
1900 any of the criteria set forth in section 12.

1901 (d) Each gaming licensee, junket representative or junket enterprise shall file a report with the  
1902 bureau with respect to each list of junket patrons or potential junket patrons purchased directly or  
1903 indirectly by the gaming licensee, junket representative or enterprise.

1904 (e) No junket enterprise or junket representative or person acting as a junket representative shall:  
1905 (i) engage in efforts to collect upon checks that have been returned by banks without full and  
1906 final payment; (ii) exercise approval authority with regard to the authorization or issuance of  
1907 credit under this chapter; (iii) act on behalf of or under any arrangement with a gaming licensee  
1908 or a gaming patron with regard to the redemption, consolidation or substitution of the gaming  
1909 patron's checks awaiting deposit; (iv) individually receive or retain any fee from a patron for the  
1910 privilege of participating in a junket; or (v) pay for any services, including transportation, or  
1911 other items of value provided to, or for the benefit of, any patron participating in a junket.

1912 Section 34. (a) Upon revocation or suspension of a gaming license or upon the failure or refusal  
1913 to renew a gaming license the commission may appoint a conservator to temporarily manage and  
1914 operate the business of the gaming licensee relating to the gaming establishment. Such  
1915 conservator shall be a person of similar experience in the field of gaming management and, in

1916 the case of replacing a gaming licensee, shall have experience operating a gaming establishment  
1917 of similar caliber in another jurisdiction, and shall be in good standing in all jurisdictions in  
1918 which the conservator operates operate any gaming establishment. Upon appointment, a  
1919 conservator shall agree to all licensing provisions of the former gaming licensee.

1920 (b) A conservator shall, before assuming , managerial or operational duties, execute and file a  
1921 bond for the faithful performance of such duties payable to the commission with such surety and  
1922 in such form and amount as the commission shall approve.

1923 (c) The commission shall require that the former or suspended gaming licensee purchase liability  
1924 insurance, in an amount determined by the commission, to protect a conservator from liability for  
1925 any acts or omissions of the conservator during the conservator's appointment which are  
1926 reasonably related to, and within the scope of the conservator's duties.

1927 (d) During the period of temporary management of the gaming establishment, the commission  
1928 shall initiate proceedings under this chapter to award a new gaming license to a qualified  
1929 applicant whose gaming establishment shall be located at the site of the preexisting gaming  
1930 establishment.

1931 (e) Applicants for a new gaming license shall be qualified for licensure under this chapter;  
1932 provided, however, that the commission shall determine an appropriate level of investment by an  
1933 applicant into the preexisting gaming establishment.

1934 (f) Upon award of a new gaming license, the new gaming licensee shall pay the original  
1935 licensing fee required under this chapter.

1936 Section 35. (a) The bureau shall have the authority to issue orders requiring persons to cease any  
1937 activity which violates this chapter, a regulation adopted hereunder or any law related to gaming  
1938 in the commonwealth. The bureau may, in its order, require compliance with such terms and  
1939 conditions as are reasonably necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter.

1940 (b) If the bureau finds that a person is not in compliance with any order issued under this  
1941 section, it shall assess a civil administrative penalty. The penalty may be assessed whether or not  
1942 the violation was willful. In determining the amount of the civil penalty, the bureau shall  
1943 consider: (i) the nature of the violation; (ii) the length of time the violation occurred; (iii) the risk  
1944 to the public and to the integrity of gaming operations created by the conduct of the person; (iv)  
1945 the seriousness of the conduct of the person; (v) any justification or excuse for such conduct by  
1946 the person; (vi) the prior history of the particular person involved with respect to gaming  
1947 activity; (vii) any corrective action taken by the person to prevent future misconduct; and (viii)  
1948 and other relevant factors.

1949 (c) In addition to collecting any civil penalties recoverable under this chapter or any other  
1950 general or special law, the bureau may bring an action in the superior court to restrain, prevent or  
1951 enjoin any conduct prohibited by this chapter or to compel action to comply immediately and  
1952 fully with any order issued by the bureau. Except in cases of emergency where, in the opinion of  
1953 the court, immediate abatement of the unlawful conduct is required to protect the public interest,  
1954 the court may in its decree fix a reasonable time during which the person responsible for the  
1955 unlawful conduct may abate and correct the violation. The expense of the proceeding shall be  
1956 recoverable from the subject of the proceeding.

1957 (d) Upon a recommendation from the bureau, the commission shall issue orders to condition,  
1958 suspend or revoke a license or permit issued under this chapter.

1959 (e) The bureau shall issue an order to cease and desist any activity if the bureau finds that a  
1960 licensee has engaged in or is about to engage in an act or practice which constitutes a violation of  
1961 this chapter or laws of the commonwealth and may take such affirmative action to effectuate the  
1962 order. If the bureau finds that the licensee is engaged in an act or practice that would cause  
1963 irreparable harm to the security and integrity of the gaming establishment or the interests of the  
1964 commonwealth in ensuring the security and integrity of gaming under this chapter, the bureau  
1965 may issue a temporary suspension of the license.

1966 (f) Any licensee who has been issued a temporary order of suspension by the bureau shall be  
1967 entitled to a hearing before the commission on such suspension within 7 days that the order was  
1968 issued. At the conclusion of the hearing, the commission may issue a final order to condition,  
1969 suspend or revoke the license in question.

1970 (g) A licensee shall have the right to an adjudicatory hearing on an order issued by the bureau  
1971 under chapter 30A.

1972 Section 36. (a) The bureau may assess a civil administrative penalty on a licensee or registrant  
1973 who fails to comply with any provision of this chapter or any regulation or order adopted by the  
1974 commission; provided, however, that such noncompliance occurred after the bureau had given  
1975 such person written notice of such noncompliance and the time stated in the notice for coming  
1976 into compliance had elapsed; provided, however, that the bureau may assess such penalty  
1977 without providing such written notice if such failure to comply: (i) was part of a pattern of  
1978 noncompliance and not an isolated instance; (ii) was willful or neglectful and not the result of

1979 error; (iii) resulted in a significant breach to the integrity of the gaming establishment or gaming  
1980 laws of the commonwealth; and (iv) consisted of failure to promptly report to the commission  
1981 any knowledge of evidence or circumstances that would cause a reasonable person to believe that  
1982 a violation of this chapter had been committed. The civil administrative penalty shall be in  
1983 addition to any other civil penalty that may be prescribed by law.

1984 (b) For the purpose of determining whether such noncompliance was part of a pattern of  
1985 noncompliance and not an isolated instance, the bureau shall consider without limitation the  
1986 following: (i) whether the bureau had previously notified the person of such noncompliance on  
1987 more than one occasion during the previous month or of any noncompliance with the same  
1988 provision of a law, regulation, order, license or approval as the current noncompliance during the  
1989 previous 6 month period; or (ii) whether the current and previous noncompliances, considered  
1990 together, indicate a potential threat to the integrity of the gaming establishment and gaming in  
1991 the commonwealth or an interference with the commission's ability to efficiently and effectively  
1992 regulate gaming in the commonwealth and enforce any regulation, license or order. If a licensee  
1993 or registrant who has received a notice of noncompliance fails to come into compliance within  
1994 the time period stated in such notice, the civil administrative penalty may be assessed by the  
1995 bureau upon such licensee or registrant from the date of receipt of such notice.

1996 (c) Whenever the bureau seeks to assess a civil administrative penalty on any licensee or  
1997 registrant, the bureau shall cause to be served upon such licensee or registrant, either by service,  
1998 in hand, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, a written notice of its intent to assess a  
1999 civil administrative penalty which shall include a concise statement of the alleged act or  
2000 omission for which such civil administrative penalty is sought to be assessed, each law,  
2001 regulation, order, license or approval which has not been complied with as a result of such

2002 alleged act or omission, the amount which the bureau seeks to assess as a civil administrative  
2003 penalty for each such alleged act or omission, a statement of such licensee's or registrant's right  
2004 to an adjudicatory hearing on the proposed assessment, the requirements such licensee or  
2005 registrant must comply with to avoid being deemed to have waived the right to an adjudicatory  
2006 hearing and the manner of payment thereof if such person elects to pay the penalty and waive an  
2007 adjudicatory hearing. After written notice of noncompliance or intent to assess a civil  
2008 administrative penalty has been given, each such day thereafter during which such  
2009 noncompliance occurs or continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be subject to a  
2010 separate civil administrative penalty if reasonable efforts have not been made to promptly come  
2011 into compliance.

2012 (d) Whenever the bureau seeks to assess a civil administrative penalty on any licensee or  
2013 registrant, such licensee or registrant shall have the right to an adjudicatory hearing under  
2014 chapter 30A whose provisions shall apply except when they are inconsistent with the provisions  
2015 of this chapter.

2016 (e) Such licensee or registrant shall be deemed to have waived such right to an adjudicatory  
2017 hearing unless, within 21 days of the date of the bureau's notice that it seeks to assess a civil  
2018 administrative penalty, such licensee or registrant files with the bureau a written statement  
2019 denying the occurrence of any of the acts or omissions alleged by the bureau in such notice, or  
2020 asserting that the money amount of the proposed civil administrative penalty is excessive. In any  
2021 adjudicatory hearing authorized under chapter 30A, the bureau shall, by a preponderance of the  
2022 evidence, prove the occurrence of each act or omission alleged by the bureau.



2023 (f) If a licensee or registrant waives the right to an adjudicatory hearing, the proposed civil  
2024 administrative penalty shall be final immediately upon such waiver. If a civil administrative  
2025 penalty is assessed at the conclusion of an adjudicatory hearing, said civil administrative penalty  
2026 shall be final upon the expiration of 30 days if no action for judicial review of such decision is  
2027 commenced under chapter 30A.

2028 (g) Any licensee or registrant who institutes proceedings for judicial review of the final  
2029 assessment of a civil administrative penalty shall place the full amount of the final assessment in  
2030 an interest-bearing escrow account in the custody of the clerk or magistrate of the reviewing  
2031 court. The establishment of such an interest-bearing escrow account shall be a condition  
2032 precedent to the jurisdiction of the reviewing court unless the party seeking judicial review  
2033 demonstrates in a preliminary hearing held within 20 days of the filing of the complaint either  
2034 the presence of a substantial question for review by the court or an inability to pay. Upon such a  
2035 demonstration, the court may grant an extension or waiver of the interest-bearing escrow account  
2036 or may require, in lieu of such interest-bearing escrow account, the posting of a bond payable  
2037 directly to the commonwealth in the amount of 125 per cent of the assessed penalty. If, after  
2038 judicial review, in a case where the requirement for an escrow account has been waived, and in  
2039 cases where a bond has been posted in lieu of such requirement, the court affirms, in whole or in  
2040 part, the assessment of a civil administrative penalty the commission shall be paid the amount  
2041 thereof together with interest at the rate provided in section 6C of chapter 231. If, after such  
2042 review in a case where an interest-bearing escrow account has been established, the court affirms  
2043 the assessment of such penalty, in whole or in part, the commission shall be paid the amount  
2044 thereof together with the accumulated interest in the interest-bearing escrow account. If the court  
2045 sets aside the assessment of a civil administrative penalty in a case where the amount of such

2046 penalty has been deposited in an interest-bearing escrow account, the licensee or registrant on  
2047 whom the civil administrative penalty was assessed shall be repaid the amount so set aside,  
2048 together with the accumulated interest thereon.

2049 (h) Each licensee or registrant who fails to pay a civil administrative penalty on time, and each  
2050 person who issues a bond under this section and who fails to pay to the commission on time the  
2051 amount required hereunder, shall be liable to the commonwealth for up to 3 times the amount of  
2052 the civil administrative penalty, together with costs, plus interest from the time the civil  
2053 administrative penalty became final and attorneys' fees, including all costs and attorneys' fees  
2054 incurred directly in the collection thereof. The rate of interest shall be the rate provided in section  
2055 6C of chapter 231. The bureau shall be authorized to require that the amount of a civil  
2056 administrative penalty imposed under this section exceed any economic benefit realized by a  
2057 person for noncompliance.

2058 Section 37. (a) Whoever conducts or operates, or permits to be conducted or operated, any game  
2059 or gaming device in violation of this chapter or the regulations adopted under this chapter shall  
2060 be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or imprisonment in the  
2061 house of correction for not more than 2½ years, or by a fine not to exceed \$25,000, or both, and  
2062 in the case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

2063 (b) Whoever employs, or continues to employ, an individual in a position, the duties of which  
2064 require a license or registration under this chapter, who is not so licensed or registered, shall be  
2065 punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 6 months or by a fine not  
2066 to exceed \$10,000, or both, and in the case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not  
2067 to exceed \$100,000.

2068 (c) Whoever works or is employed in a position, the duties of which require licensing or  
2069 registration under this chapter, without the required license or registration, shall be punished by  
2070 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 6 months or a fine not to exceed  
2071 \$10,000, or both.

2072 (d) A gaming licensee who, without the permission of the commission: (i) places a game or  
2073 gaming device into play or displays a game or gaming device in a gaming establishment; or (ii)  
2074 receives, directly or indirectly, any compensation or reward or any percentage or share of the  
2075 revenue for keeping, running or carrying on a game, or owning the real property upon, or the  
2076 location within which any game occurs, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of  
2077 correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$25,000, or both, and in the case  
2078 of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

2079 (e) Whoever conducts or operates any game or gaming device after the person's gaming license  
2080 has expired and prior to the actual renewal of the gaming license shall be punished by  
2081 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 1½ years or a fine not to exceed  
2082 \$25,000, or both, and in the case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed  
2083 \$100,000.

2084 (f) A gaming licensee who knowingly fails to exclude from the licensee's gaming establishment  
2085 any person placed by the commission on the list of excluded persons shall be punished by a fine  
2086 not to exceed \$5,000 or by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 1 year, or  
2087 both, and in the case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

2088 (g) Whoever willfully: (i) fails to report, pay or truthfully account for and pay over a license fee  
2089 or tax imposed by this chapter or by the regulations adopted under this chapter; or (ii) evades or

2090 defeats, or attempts to evade or defeat, a license fee or tax or payment of a license fee or tax shall  
2091 be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of  
2092 correction for not more than 2½ years or a fine not to exceed \$100,000, or both, and in the case  
2093 of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$5,000,000.

2094 Section 38. Whoever willfully resists, prevents, impedes, interferes with or makes any false,  
2095 fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation to the bureau, commission or division or to  
2096 agents or employees of the bureau, commission or division in the lawful performance of the  
2097 agent's or employee's duties under this chapter shall be punished by imprisonment in the state  
2098 prison for not more than 5 years or in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years or by a  
2099 fine not to exceed \$25,000, or both.

2100 Section 39. (a) Whoever, during a game in a gaming establishment, knowingly and by any trick  
2101 or sleight of hand performance or by a fraud or fraudulent scheme, cards, dice or other gaming  
2102 device, for himself, for another or for a representative of either: (i) wins, or attempts to win,  
2103 money or property; or (ii) reduces, or attempts to reduce, a losing wager in a gaming  
2104 establishment shall be guilty of cheating and swindling.

2105 (b) Whoever knowingly uses a cheating and swindling device or game in a gaming establishment  
2106 shall be guilty of cheating and swindling.

2107 (c) Whoever commits the offense of cheating and swindling shall be punished as follows:

2108 (i) if the value of the money, property or wager cheated and swindled is \$75,000 or more, by  
2109 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 10 years or in the house of correction for not  
2110 more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$1,000,000, or both, and in the case of a person  
2111 other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$10,000,000;

2112 (ii) if the value of the money, property or wager cheated and swindled is \$10,000 or more but  
2113 less than \$75,000, by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or in the house  
2114 of correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$500,000, or both, and in the  
2115 case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$5,000,000;

2116 (iii) if the value of the money, property or wager cheated and swindled is \$1,000 or more but less  
2117 than \$10,000, by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 3 years or in the house of  
2118 correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$100,000, or both, and in the  
2119 case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$1,000,000;

2120 (iv) if nothing of value was obtained in violation of this subsection or if the value of the money,  
2121 property or wager cheated and swindled is less than \$1,000, by imprisonment in the house of  
2122 correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or both, and in the case  
2123 of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

2124 (d) Each episode or transaction of swindling and cheating may be the subject of a separate  
2125 prosecution and conviction. In the discretion of the commonwealth, multiple episodes or  
2126 transactions of swindling and cheating committed as part of a single scheme or course of conduct  
2127 may be treated as a single offense and the amounts involved in acts of swindling and cheating  
2128 committed according to a scheme or course of conduct, whether by the same person or several  
2129 persons, may be aggregated in determining the value of money, property or wager involved in  
2130 the offense.

2131 (e) A gaming licensee, or an employee of a gaming licensee, who, in a gaming establishment,  
2132 knowingly: (i) conducts or operates any game using a cheating and swindling device or game;  
2133 (ii) displays for play a cheating and swindling game; or (iii) permits to be conducted, operated or

2134 displayed, any cheating and swindling device or game shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
2135 state prison for not more than 5 years or imprisonment in the house of correction for not more  
2136 than 2½ years, or by a fine not to exceed \$25,000, or both, and in the case of a person other than  
2137 a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

2138 Section 40. (a) Whoever possesses a cheating and swindling device or game, with the intent to  
2139 defraud, cheat or steal, shall be punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not  
2140 more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or both, and in the case of a person other  
2141 than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$100,000.

2142 (b) Possession of a cheating and swindling device or game within a gaming establishment shall  
2143 constitute prima facie evidence of an intent to defraud, cheat or steal, except possession by a  
2144 gaming licensee or an employee of a gaming licensee, acting lawfully in furtherance of such  
2145 person's employment within the gaming establishment, shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
2146 house of correction for not more than 2½ years or a fine not to exceed \$10,000, or both.

2147 Section 41. Whoever manufactures, distributes, sells or services a gaming device, in violation of  
2148 this chapter or regulations adopted under this chapter and for the purpose of defrauding, cheating  
2149 or stealing from a person playing, operating or conducting a game in a gaming establishment,  
2150 shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than 5 years or imprisonment  
2151 in the house of correction for not more than 2½ years or by a fine not to exceed \$25,000, or both,  
2152 and in the case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$150,000.

2153 Section 42. Any device, game or gaming device possessed, used, manufactured, distributed, sold  
2154 or serviced in violation of this chapter shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture by the division or  
2155 bureau. Forfeiture proceedings shall be conducted as provided in subsections (b) to (j),

2156 inclusive, of section 47 of chapter 94C. For purposes of subsection (d) of said section 47 of said  
2157 chapter 94C, the commission shall be considered a police department, entitled to a police  
2158 department's distribution of forfeiture proceedings.

2159 Section 43. (a) Whoever, being under 21 years old, plays, places wagers at or collects winnings  
2160 from, whether personally or through an agent, a game in a gaming establishment shall be  
2161 punished by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 6 months or a fine not to  
2162 exceed \$1,000, or both.

2163 (b) Whoever, being a gaming licensee or an employee of a gaming licensee, who knowingly  
2164 allows a person under the age of 21 to play, place wagers at, or collect winnings from a game in  
2165 a gaming establishment, whether personally or through an agent, shall be punished, for a first  
2166 offense, by imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 1 year or a fine not to  
2167 exceed \$10,000, or both, and in the case of a person other than a natural person, by a fine not to  
2168 exceed \$500,000 and, for a second or subsequent offense, by imprisonment in the house of  
2169 correction for not more than 2 years or a fine not to exceed \$50,000, or both, and in the case of a  
2170 person other than a natural person, by a fine not to exceed \$1,000,000.

2171 Section 44. All penalties collected under this chapter shall be deposited into the Gaming  
2172 Revenue Fund established under this chapter.

2173 Section 45. (a) The commission, by regulation, shall provide for the establishment of a list of  
2174 excluded persons who are to be excluded from a gaming establishment. In determining the list  
2175 of excluded persons, the commission may consider, but shall not be limited to: (i) whether a  
2176 person has been convicted of a criminal offense under the laws of any state or the United States  
2177 that is punishable by more than 6 months in a state prison, a house of correction or any

2178 comparable incarceration, a crime of moral turpitude or a violation of the gaming laws of any  
2179 state; (ii) whether a person has violated or conspired to violate this chapter relating to: (A) failure  
2180 to disclose an interest in a gaming establishment for which the person is required to obtain a  
2181 license; or (B) willful evasion of fees or taxes; (iii) whether a person has a notorious or unsavory  
2182 reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust that the gaming industry is  
2183 free from criminal or corruptive elements; and (iv) the potential of injurious threat to the interests  
2184 of the commonwealth in the gaming establishment.

2185 (b) No person shall be placed on the list of excluded persons due to race, color, religion, national  
2186 origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, disability or sex.

2187 (c) The commission may revoke, limit, condition, suspend or fine a gaming establishment if such  
2188 establishment knowingly or recklessly fails to exclude or eject from its premises any person  
2189 placed by the commission on the list of excluded persons.

2190 (d) Whenever the commission places a name on the list of excluded persons, the commission  
2191 shall serve written notice upon that person by personal service, registered or certified mail return  
2192 receipt requested to the last ascertainable address, or by publication in a daily newspaper of  
2193 general circulation for 1 week.

2194 (e)(1) Within 30 days of receipt of service by mail or 60 days after the last publication under  
2195 subsection (d), a person placed on the list of excluded persons may request an adjudicatory  
2196 hearing before the commission under chapter 30A and show cause as to why the person should  
2197 be removed from the list of excluded persons. Failure to demand a hearing within the time  
2198 allotted in this section shall preclude the person from having an administrative hearing, but in no  
2199 way affect the person's right to petition for judicial review.



2200 (2) Upon receipt of a demand for hearing, the commission shall set a time and place for the  
2201 hearing. This hearing shall be held not later than 30 days after receipt of the demand for the  
2202 hearing, unless the time of the hearing is changed by agreement of the commission and the  
2203 person demanding the hearing.

2204 (3) If, upon completion of the hearing, the commission determines that the person was  
2205 wrongfully placed on the list of excluded persons, the commission shall remove the person's  
2206 name from the list of excluded persons and notify all gaming licensees. A person aggrieved by a  
2207 final decision of the commission in an adjudicatory proceeding under this section may petition  
2208 for judicial review under section 14 of chapter 30A.

2209 (f) The commission shall establish a list of self-excluded persons from gaming establishments.  
2210 A person may request such person's name to be placed on the list of self-excluded persons by  
2211 filing a statement with the commission acknowledging that the person is a problem gambler and  
2212 by agreeing that, during any period of voluntary exclusion, the person may not collect any  
2213 winnings or recover any losses resulting from any gaming activity at a gaming establishment.  
2214 The commission shall adopt further regulations, under section 5, for the self-excluded persons  
2215 list including procedures for placement, removal and transmittal of such list to gaming  
2216 establishments.

2217 (g) Gaming establishments shall not market to persons on any excluded persons list and shall  
2218 deny access to complimentaries, check cashing privileges, club programs and other similar  
2219 benefits to persons on the self-excluded persons list.

2220 (h) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the self-excluded persons list shall not be  
2221 open to public inspection. Nothing in this section, however, shall prohibit a gaming

2222 establishment from disclosing the identity of persons on the self-excluded persons list under this  
2223 section to affiliated gaming establishments in this commonwealth or other jurisdictions for the  
2224 limited purpose of assisting in the proper administration of responsible gaming programs  
2225 operated by affiliated gaming establishments.

2226 (i) As used in this subsection the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires  
2227 otherwise have the following meanings:

2228 (i) “Problem gambler”, a person who chronically or habitually gambles to the extent that: (1)  
2229 such gambling substantially interferes with the person’s social or economic functioning; or (2)  
2230 the person has lost the power of self control  
2231 over that person’s gambling.

2232 (ii) “Immediate family”, the spouse, parent, child, brother or sister of an individual.

2233 An immediate family member or guardian may petition, in writing, a district court for an order  
2234 of exclusion from gaming establishments applicable to a person whom the petitioner has reason  
2235 to believe is a problem gambler. Upon receipt of a petition for an order of exclusion of a person  
2236 and any sworn statements the court may request from the petitioner, the court shall immediately  
2237 schedule a hearing on the petition and shall cause a summons and a copy of the petition to be  
2238 served upon the person as provided by section 25 of chapter 276. The person may be represented  
2239 by legal counsel and may present independent expert or other testimony. The court shall order  
2240 examination by a qualified psychologist. If, after a hearing, the court based upon competent  
2241 testimony finds that said person is a problem gambler and there is a likelihood of serious harm as  
2242 a result of the person’s gambling, the court may order that such person be prohibited from

2243 gaming in gaming establishments. The court shall communicate this order to the commission,  
2244 which shall place the person's name on the list of excluded persons.

2245 (j) A person who is prohibited from gaming in a gaming establishment under this section  
2246 shall not collect any winnings or recover losses arising as a result of prohibited gaming winnings  
2247 obtained by a person who is prohibited from gaming in a gaming establishment shall be forfeited  
2248 to the commission and deposited into the Gaming Revenue Fund.

2249 (k) The commission shall pursue an interstate compact for the purposes of sharing  
2250 information  
2251 regarding the excluded persons list.

2252 Section 46. No applicant for a gaming license, nor any holding, intermediary or subsidiary  
2253 company thereof, nor any officer, director, key gaming employee or principal employee of an  
2254 applicant for or holder of a gaming license or of any holding, intermediary or subsidiary  
2255 company thereof nor any person or agent on behalf of any such applicant, holder, company or  
2256 person, shall directly or indirectly, pay or contribute any money or thing of value to any  
2257 candidate for nomination or election to any public office in the commonwealth or to any group,  
2258 political party, committee or association organized in support of any such candidate or political  
2259 party; except that the provisions of this section shall not be construed to prohibit any individual  
2260 who is a candidate for public office from contributing to the candidate's own campaign.

2261 Section 47. All political contributions or contributions in kind made by an applicant for a gaming  
2262 license to a municipality or a municipal employee, as defined in section 1 of chapter 268A, of the  
2263 host community of the applicant's proposed gaming establishment shall be disclosed, by the  
2264 applicant, to the commission and the city or town clerk of the host community. Such disclosure

2265 shall be made by the applicant bi-annually, on or before July 15 for the period covering January  
2266 1 through June 30 of that year and on or before January 15 for the period covering July 1 through  
2267 December 31 of the preceding year. The office of campaign and political finance shall  
2268 promulgate regulations to provide for timely and expeditious public reporting, which shall  
2269 include electronic means or public posting in a city or town hall and post office, by city and town  
2270 clerks of the contribution disclosures they receive from applicants.

2271 Section 48. A gaming licensee shall be subject to chapters 62 through 62E, inclusive, and  
2272 chapters 63 through 63B, inclusive.

2273 Section 49. (a) A gaming establishment, including any business located within a gaming  
2274 establishment, shall not be a certified project within the meaning of section 3F of chapter 23A.  
2275 Gaming establishments shall not be designated as economic opportunity areas within the  
2276 meaning of section 3E of chapter 23A. Gaming establishments shall not be eligible for tax  
2277 increment financing under section 59 of chapter 40 or special tax assessments set forth in section  
2278 3E of chapter 23A. Gaming establishments shall not be classified and taxed as recreational land  
2279 under chapter 61B. Gaming establishments shall not be designated as a development district  
2280 within the meaning of chapter 40Q.

2281 (b) Unless otherwise provided, a gaming establishment or a business located or to be  
2282 located within a gaming establishment shall not be eligible for the following credits or  
2283 deductions listed in chapter 62 or chapter 63: the investment tax credit under section 31A of  
2284 chapter 63, the employment credit under section 31C of said chapter 63, the van pool credit  
2285 under section 31E of said chapter 63, the deduction for expenditures for industrial waste  
2286 treatment or air pollution control under section 38D of said chapter 63, the deduction for

2287 compensation paid to an eligible business facility's employees domiciled in a section of  
2288 substantial poverty under section 38F of said chapter 63, the film tax credit under subsection (l)  
2289 of section 6 of chapter 62 and section 38X of said chapter 63, the alternative energy sources  
2290 deduction under section 38H of said chapter 63, the research expense credit under section 38M  
2291 of said chapter 63, the economic opportunity area credit under subsection (g) of section 6 of said  
2292 chapter 62, and section 38N of said chapter 63, the abandoned building deduction under  
2293 subparagraph (10) of subsection (a) of Part B of section 3 of said chapter 62 and section 38O of  
2294 said chapter 63, the harbor maintenance tax credit under section 38P of said chapter 63, the  
2295 brownfields credit under subsection (j) of section 6 of said chapter 62 and section 38Q of said  
2296 chapter 63, the historic rehabilitation tax credit under section 6J of said chapter 62 and section  
2297 38R of said chapter 63 and the automatic sprinkler system depreciation deduction under section  
2298 38S of said chapter.

2299 Section 50. Any liability to the commonwealth under this chapter shall constitute a debt to the  
2300 commonwealth. Once a statement naming a gaming licensee is recorded, registered or filed, any  
2301 such debt shall constitute a lien on all commercial property owned by a gaming licensee in the  
2302 commonwealth and shall have priority over an encumbrance recorded, registered or filed with  
2303 respect to any site.

2304 Section 51. (a) Prior to disbursement of cash or a prize in excess of \$600, a gaming licensee shall  
2305 review information made available by the IV-D agency, as set forth in chapter 119A and by the  
2306 department of revenue to ascertain whether the winner of the cash or prize owes past-due child  
2307 support to the commonwealth or to an individual to whom the IV-D agency is providing services  
2308 and to ascertain whether the winner of the cash or prize owes any past-due tax liability to the  
2309 commonwealth.

2310 (b) If the winner of the cash or prize owes past-due child support or a past-due tax  
2311 liability, the gaming licensee shall notify the IV-D agency or the commonwealth, respectively, of  
2312 the winner's name, address and social security number. Subsequent to statutory state and federal  
2313 tax withholding, the gaming licensee shall first disburse to the IV-D agency the full amount of  
2314 the cash or prize or such portion of the cash or prize that satisfies the winner's past-due child  
2315 support obligation.

2316 (c) If funds remain available after the disbursement to the IV-D agency or if no such  
2317 obligation to the IV-D agency is owed, the gaming licensee shall disburse to the department of  
2318 revenue the full amount of the cash or prize or such portion of the cash prize that satisfies the  
2319 winner's past-due tax liability. The licensee shall disburse to the holder only that portion of the  
2320 prize, if any, remaining after the holder's past-due child support obligation and the holder's past-  
2321 due tax liability have been satisfied.

2322 Section 52. Gaming licensees shall, on a monthly basis, transmit to the department of transitional  
2323 assistance and to the IV-D agency, as set forth in chapter 119A, a list of all persons who were  
2324 awarded cash winning or a prize in excess of \$600 in the prior month. The information shall be  
2325 provided in a format which is compatible with the automated data processing systems of the  
2326 department and the IV-D agency to ensure the immediate identification of persons who may be  
2327 receiving public assistance benefits. The information provided shall include the name, address  
2328 and social security number of the person who was awarded the cash or prize valued in excess of  
2329 \$600.

2330 Section 53. Unclaimed cash and prizes shall be retained by the gaming licensee for the person  
2331 entitled to the cash or prize for 1 year after the game in which the cash or prize was won. If no

2332 claim is made for the cash or prize within 1 year, the cash or equivalent cash value of the prize  
2333 shall be deposited in the Gaming Revenue Fund established in section 59.

2334 Section 54. If the person entitled to cash or a prize is under the age of 21 years, the cash or prize  
2335 shall be remitted to the commission and deposited into the Gaming Revenue Fund established in  
2336 section 59.

2337 Section 55. (a) A category 1 licensee shall pay a daily tax of 25 per cent on gross gaming  
2338 revenues.

2339 (b) A category 2 licensee shall pay a daily tax of 40 per cent on gross gaming revenue.

2340 (c) In addition to the tax imposed under subsection (b), a category 2 licensee shall pay a daily  
2341 assessment of 9 per cent of their gross gaming revenue to the Massachusetts race horse  
2342 development fund established in section 60.

2343 (d) Taxes imposed under this section shall be remitted to the commission by a gaming licensee  
2344 the day following each day of wagering.

2345 Section 56. (a) In addition to any other tax or fee imposed by this chapter, there shall be imposed  
2346 an annual license fee of \$600 for each slot machine approved by the commission for use by a  
2347 gaming licensee at a gaming establishment; provided, however, that not sooner than 5 years after  
2348 award of an original gaming license, the commission may annually adjust the fee for inflation.  
2349 The fee shall be imposed as of July 1 of each year for all approved slot machines on that date and  
2350 shall be assessed on a pro rata basis for any slot machine approved for use thereafter.

2351 (b) The commission shall establish fees for any investigation into a violation of this chapter or  
2352 regulation promulgated thereunder by a gaming licensee to be paid by the gaming licensee,

2353 including, but not limited to, billable hours by commission staff involved in the investigation and  
2354 the costs of services, equipment or other expenses that are incurred by the commission during the  
2355 investigation.

2356 (c) Any remaining costs of the commission necessary to maintain regulatory control over gaming  
2357 establishments that are not covered by: (i) the fees set forth in subsections (a) and (b); (ii) any  
2358 other fees assessed under this chapter; or (iii) any other designated source of funding, shall be  
2359 assessed annually on gaming licensees under this chapter in proportion to the number of gaming  
2360 positions at each gaming establishment. Each gaming licensee shall pay the amount assessed  
2361 against it within 30 days after the date of the notice of assessment from the commission.

2362 (d) If the fees collected in subsections (a) and (b) exceed the cost required to maintain regulatory  
2363 control, the surplus funds shall be credited in proportional shares against each gaming licensee's  
2364 next assessment.

2365 (e) In addition to the fees collected under this section and any additional costs of the  
2366 commission, the commission shall assess an annual fee of not less than \$5,000,000 in  
2367 proportional shares against each gaming licensee in proportion to the number of gaming  
2368 positions at each gaming establishment for the costs of service and public health programs  
2369 dedicated to addressing problems associated with compulsive gambling. Such assessed fees shall  
2370 be deposited into the Public Health Trust Fund established in section 58.

2371 (f) All fees and assessments collected under this section, except those collected under subsection  
2372 (e), shall be deposited into the Gaming Control Fund established in section 57.

2373 Section 57. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
2374 separate fund to be known as the Massachusetts Gaming Control Fund. The commission shall be



2375 the trustee of the fund and shall expend monies to finance operational activities of the  
2376 commission. The fund shall be credited any appropriations, bond proceeds or other monies  
2377 authorized by the general court and specifically designated to be credited thereto, the proceeds of  
2378 the assessments levied under section 56, application fees for licenses issued under this chapter  
2379 and such additional funds as are subject to the direction and control of the commission. All  
2380 available monies in the fund that are unexpended at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to  
2381 the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the subsequent fiscal year. Any funds  
2382 unexpended in any fiscal year for the purposes of which such assessments were made shall be  
2383 credited against the assessment to be made in the following fiscal year and the assessment in the  
2384 following fiscal year shall be reduced by any such unexpended amount. The commission shall  
2385 record all expenditures made by subsidiary on the Massachusetts management and accounting  
2386 reporting system, so-called, according to regulations established by the state comptroller.

2387 (b) The commission shall, for the purposes of compliance with state finance law, operate as a  
2388 state agency as defined in section 1 of chapter 29 and shall be subject to the provisions  
2389 applicable to agencies under the control of the governor including, but not limited to, chapters 7,  
2390 7A, 10 and 29; provided, however, that the comptroller may identify any additional instructions  
2391 or actions necessary for the commission to manage fiscal operations in the state accounting  
2392 system and meet statewide and other governmental accounting and audit standards. Unless  
2393 otherwise exempted by law or the applicable central service agency, the commission shall  
2394 participate in any other available commonwealth central services including, but not limited, to  
2395 the state payroll system under section 31 of said chapter 29, and may purchase other goods and  
2396 services provided by state agencies in accordance with comptroller provisions. The comptroller  
2397 may chargeback the commission for the transition and ongoing costs for participation in the state

2398 accounting and payroll systems and may retain and expend such costs without further  
2399 appropriation for the purposes of this section. The commission shall be subject to section 5D of  
2400 chapter 29 and subsection (f) of section 6B of chapter 29.

2401 The commission shall annually submit a finance plan to the secretary of administration and  
2402 finance, the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the  
2403 joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies.

2404 Section 58. There is hereby established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate  
2405 fund to be known as the Addiction Prevention and Mitigation Trust Fund. The addictions  
2406 prevention and mitigation trust fund shall consist of fees assessed under section 56 and all other  
2407 monies credited or transferred to the fund from any other source under law. The secretary of  
2408 health and human services shall be the trustee of the addictions prevention and mitigation trust  
2409 fund and may only expend monies in the fund, without further appropriation, to assist social  
2410 service and public health programs dedicated to addressing problems associated with compulsive  
2411 gambling, including, but not limited to, gambling prevention and addiction services, educational  
2412 campaigns to mitigate the potential addictive nature of gambling and any studies and evaluations  
2413 necessary, including the annual research agenda under section 71, to ensure the proper and most  
2414 effective strategies.

2415 Section 59. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a Gaming  
2416 Revenue Fund, hereinafter the fund, which shall receive revenues collected from the tax on gross  
2417 gaming revenue received from gaming licensees. The commission shall be the trustee of the fund  
2418 and shall transfer monies in the fund as follows:

2419 (1) 100 per cent of the revenue received from a category 2 licensee shall be transferred to the  
2420 Gaming Local Aid Fund; and

2421 (2) 100 per cent of the revenue received from a category 1 licensee shall be transferred as  
2422 follows:

2423 (a) 2 per cent of revenues to the Massachusetts cultural council of which one-quarter of the  
2424 revenues received shall be dedicated to the organization support program of the Massachusetts  
2425 cultural council and three-quarters of revenues shall be dedicated to support not-for-profit or  
2426 municipally-owned performing arts centers impacted as a result of the operation of gaming  
2427 facilities; provided, however, that funds dedicated to such performing arts centers shall be to  
2428 subsidize fees paid to touring shows or artists; provided further, that funding shall be  
2429 appropriated through a competitive grant process to be developed and administered by the  
2430 Massachusetts cultural council;

2431 (b) 1/2 per cent to the Massachusetts Tourism Fund to fund tourist promotion agencies under  
2432 clause (c) of section 35J of chapter 10.

2433 (c) 6.5 per cent to the Community Mitigation Fund established in section 61;

2434 (d) 2 per cent to the Local Capital Projects Fund, established in section 2EEEE of chapter 29;

2435 (e) 20 per cent to the Gaming Local Aid Fund, established in section 63;

2436 (f) 10 per cent to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29;  
2437 provided, however, that in any fiscal year in which the amount appropriated in item 7061-0008  
2438 of the general appropriation act, paid from the General Fund, or the amount of unrestricted  
2439 general government aid paid from the General Fund, including lottery aid distribution to cities

2440 and towns as paid from the General Fund under clause (c) of the second paragraph of section 35  
2441 of said chapter 10 and the amount of additional funds distributed to cities and towns as additional  
2442 assistance paid from the General Fund, is less than that of the previous fiscal year, up to 1/2 of  
2443 the funds otherwise directed to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund under this section, up to  
2444 an amount equal to the deficiency between said appropriations for the current and previous fiscal  
2445 years, shall be transferred to the Gaming Local Aid Fund in addition to the 25 per cent under  
2446 clause (e);

2447 (g) 14 per cent to the Education Fund, established in section 64;

2448 (h) 10 per cent shall be transferred to the Economic Development Fund, established in section  
2449 2DDDD of chapter 29;

2450 (i) 10 per cent shall be used for debt reduction through a program of debt defeasance and  
2451 accelerated debt payments; provided, however, that this program shall be developed jointly by  
2452 the state treasurer and the secretary of administration and finance and shall be implemented in  
2453 compliance with state finance law; provided further, that this program shall prioritize the  
2454 reduction of risk in the commonwealth's debt portfolio; and provided further, that the state  
2455 secretary and state treasurer shall provide a written description of the program to the finance  
2456 advisory board established in section 97 of chapter 6 for the board's review and comment before  
2457 the program is implemented and shall file a copy of that description with the house and senate  
2458 committees on ways and means and the house and senate committees on bonding, capital  
2459 expenditures and state assets when it is submitted to the finance advisory board;

2460 (j) 15 per cent shall be transferred to the Transportation Infrastructure and Development Fund,  
2461 established in section 62; and

2462 (k) 5 per cent to the Public Health Trust Fund.

2463 (l) 5 per cent to the Community Preservation Fund.

2464 Section 60. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a Race  
2465 Horse Development Fund to be administered by the commission. The fund shall consist of  
2466 monies deposited under subsection (c) of section 55. The commission shall make distributions  
2467 from the Race Horse Development Fund to each licensee under chapter 128A.

2468 (b) Funds received from subsection (a) shall be allocated by the commission as follows:

2469 (i) 80 per cent shall be deposited weekly into a separate, interest-bearing purse account to be  
2470 established by and for the benefit of the horsemen; provided, however, that the earned interest on  
2471 the account shall be credited to the purse account; and provided further, that licensees shall  
2472 combine these funds with revenues from existing purse agreements to fund purses for live races  
2473 consistent with those agreements with the advice and consent of the horsemen;

2474 (ii) for a thoroughbred track, 8 per cent shall be deposited on a monthly basis into the  
2475 Massachusetts Thoroughbred Breeding Program authorized by the commission in section 2 of  
2476 chapter 128;

2477 (iii) for a harness track, 8 per cent shall be deposited on a monthly basis into the Massachusetts  
2478 Standardbred Breeding Program authorized by the commission in section 2 of chapter 128 and an  
2479 additional 8 per cent shall be deposited on a monthly basis into a Standardbred Breeder  
2480 Development Program authorized by the commission; and

2481 (iv) 4 per cent shall be used to fund health and pension benefits for the members of the  
2482 horsemen's organizations representing the owners and trainers at the racetrack at which the

2483 category 2 licensee operates for the benefit of the organization's members, their families,  
2484 employees and others under the rule and eligibility requirements of the organization, as approved  
2485 by the commission; provided, however, that this amount shall be deposited within 5 business  
2486 days of the end of each month into a separate account to be established by each respective  
2487 horsemen's organization at a banking institution of its choice; and provided further, that of this  
2488 amount, the commission shall determine how much shall be paid annually by the horsemen's  
2489 organization to the thoroughbred jockeys or standardbred drivers organization at the racetrack at  
2490 which the licensed racing entity operates for health insurance, life insurance or other benefits to  
2491 active and disabled thoroughbred jockeys or standardbred drivers under the rules and eligibility  
2492 requirements of that organization.

2493 Section 61. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
2494 separate fund to be known as the Community Mitigation Fund. The fund shall consist of monies  
2495 transferred under section 59 and all other monies credited or transferred to the fund from any  
2496 other fund or source.

2497 (b) The commission shall administer the fund and, without further appropriation, shall expend  
2498 monies in the fund to assist the host community and surrounding communities in offsetting costs  
2499 related to the construction and operation of a gaming establishment including, but not limited to,  
2500 communities and water and sewer districts in the vicinity of a gaming establishment, local and  
2501 regional education, transportation, infrastructure, housing, environmental issues and public  
2502 safety, including the office of the county district attorney, police, fire and emergency services.

2503 (c) Parties requesting appropriations from the fund shall submit a written request for funding to  
2504 the commission before February 1 of each year. The commission may hold a public hearing in

2505 the region of a gaming establishment to provide parties with the opportunity to provide further  
2506 information about their request for funds and shall distribute funds to requesting parties based on  
2507 demonstrated need.

2508 Section 62. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a fund to be  
2509 known as the Transportation Infrastructure and Development Fund. The fund shall consist of  
2510 monies transferred from the Gaming Revenue Fund and all other monies credited or transferred  
2511 to the fund from any other fund or source and proceeds from the investment of such funds. The  
2512 secretary of transportation shall be the trustee of this fund, provided that no funds shall be  
2513 expended until the secretary of administration and finance has provided written approval  
2514 annually of a proposed spending plan. Any expenditures from this fund shall be solely for the  
2515 purpose of transportation and related infrastructure projects, including but not limited to transit  
2516 expansion and maintenance; provided, however, that not less than 50 per cent of such  
2517 expenditures shall be dedicated for the purpose of supplementing, and not offsetting, any  
2518 expenditures made for the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in  
2519 clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C.

2520 Section 63. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a fund to be  
2521 known as the Gaming Local Aid Fund. The fund shall consist of monies transferred under  
2522 section 59 and all monies credited or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source and  
2523 shall be subject to appropriation. Funds shall be distributed to cities and towns in accordance  
2524 with the formula used to determine the distribution of Unrestricted General Government Aid  
2525 under section 3 of the general appropriations act. Monies from the fund shall be used in addition  
2526 to the balance of the state lottery fund for distribution to cities and towns in accordance with the  
2527 provisions of clause (c) of section 35 of chapter 10 and any monies so distributed shall be

2528 considered part of “general revenue sharing aid” for purposes of annual aid and contribution  
2529 requirements established pursuant to chapter 70 or section 3 of the annual general appropriation  
2530 act.

2531 Section 64. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a fund to be  
2532 known as the Education Fund. The fund shall be credited any monies transferred under section  
2533 59 and all monies credited to or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source.  
2534 Expenditures from said fund shall be subject to appropriation, provided further, that 35 per cent  
2535 of funds received shall be appropriated for the purposes of higher education to supplement, and  
2536 not offset, any reduction in the general appropriation act from the previous fiscal year and,  
2537 provided further, that any expenditures from said fund for K-12 education shall be used to  
2538 supplement, and not offset, any reduction in item 7061-0008 of the general appropriation act  
2539 from the previous fiscal year’s general appropriation act.

2540 Section 65. The commission shall audit as often as the commission determines necessary, but not  
2541 less than annually, the accounts, programs, activities, and functions of all gaming licensees. To  
2542 conduct the audit, authorized officers and employees of the commission shall have access to such  
2543 accounts at reasonable times and the commission may require the production of books,  
2544 documents, vouchers and other records relating to any matter within the scope of the audit,  
2545 except tax returns. The superior court shall have jurisdiction to enforce the production of records  
2546 that the commission requires to be produced under this section and the court shall order the  
2547 production of all such records within the scope of any such audit. All audits shall be conducted in  
2548 accordance with generally accepted auditing standards established by the American Institute of  
2549 Certified Public Accountants. In any audit report of the accounts, funds, programs, activities and  
2550 functions of a gaming licensee issued by the commission, containing adverse or critical audit



2551 results, the commission may require a response, in writing, to the audit results. The response  
2552 shall be forwarded to the commission within 15 days of notification by the commission.

2553 On or before April 1 of each year, the commission shall submit a report to the clerks of the house  
2554 of representatives and the senate who shall forward the report to the house and senate  
2555 committees on ways and means which shall include, but not be limited to: (i) the number of  
2556 audits performed under this section; (ii) a summary of findings under the audits; and (iii) the cost  
2557 of each audit.

2558 Section 66. Unless the commission otherwise determines it to be in the best fiscal interests of the  
2559 commonwealth, the commission shall utilize the services of a independent testing laboratory that  
2560 has obtained a license as a gaming vendor to perform the testing of slot machines and other  
2561 gaming equipment, and may also utilize applicable data from any such independent testing  
2562 laboratory, or from a governmental agency of a state other than the Massachusetts, authorized to  
2563 regulate slot machines and other gaming equipment.

2564 Section 67. The commission shall continue to evaluate the status of Indian tribes in the  
2565 commonwealth, including, without limitation, gaining federal recognition or taking land into  
2566 trust for tribal economic development. The commission shall evaluate and make a  
2567 recommendation to the governor and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development  
2568 and emerging technologies as to whether it would be in the best interest of the commonwealth to  
2569 enter into any negotiations with said tribes for the purposes of establishing Class III gaming on  
2570 tribal land.

2571 Section 68. (a) There shall be a gaming policy advisory committee to consist of the governor or  
2572 the governor's designee, who shall serve as chair; the commission chair; the senate president or

2573 the president's designee; the speaker of the house of representatives or the speaker's designee;  
2574 the senate minority leader or the senate minority leader's designee; the house minority leader or  
2575 the house minority leader's designee; the commissioner of public health or the commissioner's  
2576 designee; and 8 persons to be appointed by the governor, 3 of whom shall be representatives of  
2577 gaming licensees, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a federally recognized Indian tribe in  
2578 the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be a representative of organized labor and 3 of whom shall  
2579 be appointed from the vicinity of each gaming establishment, as defined by host community and  
2580 surrounding community, upon determination of the licensee and site location by the commission.  
2581 The committee shall designate subcommittees to examine community mitigation, compulsive  
2582 gambling and gaming impacts on cultural and tourism. Members of the committee shall serve for  
2583 2 year terms. The committee shall meet at least once annually for the purpose of discussing  
2584 matters of gaming policy. The recommendations of the committee concerning gaming policy  
2585 made under this section are advisory and shall not be binding on the commission and board.

2586 (b) There shall be a subcommittee on community mitigation under the gaming policy  
2587 advisory committee consisting of 9 members: 1 of whom shall be appointed from the host  
2588 community in region 1; 1 of whom shall be appointed from the host community in region 2; 1 of  
2589 whom shall be appointed from the host community in region 3; 1 of whom shall be a  
2590 representative from the department of revenue's division of local services; 1 of whom shall be a  
2591 representative of the commission; 1 of whom shall be appointed by the governor and have  
2592 professional experience in community mitigation related to gaming; 1 of whom shall be  
2593 appointed by the governor and shall be a small business owner in a host community; 1 of whom  
2594 shall be a representative from a Chamber of Commerce serving a host community; and 1 of  
2595 whom shall be a representative from the Massachusetts municipal association. The subcommittee

2596 shall develop recommendations to be considered by the commission to address issues of  
2597 community mitigation as a result of the development of gaming establishments in the  
2598 commonwealth, including, but not limited to: how funds may be expended from the Community  
2599 Mitigation Fund, the impact of gaming establishments on the host community as well as  
2600 surrounding communities including, but not limited to, the impact on local resources as a result  
2601 of new housing construction and potential necessary changes to affordable housing laws,  
2602 increased education costs and curriculum changes due to population changes in the region,  
2603 development and maintenance of infrastructure related to increased population and utilization in  
2604 the region and public safety impacts resulting from the facility and how to address that impact.  
2605 The subcommittee shall receive input from local community mitigation advisory committees.  
2606 The subcommittee shall review annually the expenditure of funds from the Community  
2607 Mitigation Fund and make recommendations to the commission relative to appropriate and  
2608 necessary use of community mitigation funds. The commission may promulgate such  
2609 regulations as advised by the subcommittee.

2610 (c) There shall be a subcommittee on addiction services under the gaming policy advisory  
2611 committee consisting of 5 members: 1 of whom shall be a representative from the department of  
2612 public health's bureau of substance abuse services; 1 of whom shall be a representative from the  
2613 Massachusetts Council on Compulsive Gambling, Inc.; 1 of whom shall be a representative of  
2614 the commission; and 2 of whom shall be appointed by the governor with professional experience  
2615 in the area of gambling addictions. The subcommittee shall develop recommendations for  
2616 regulations to be considered by the commission in addressing issues related to addiction services  
2617 as a result of the development of gaming establishments in the commonwealth, including by not  
2618 limited to, prevention and intervention strategies.

2619 (d) There shall be a subcommittee on public safety under the gaming policy advisory  
2620 committee consisting of 7 members: 1 of whom shall be a member of the commission; 1 of  
2621 whom shall be the secretary of the executive office of public safety or the secretary's designee; 1  
2622 of whom shall be the attorney general or the attorney general's designee; 1 of whom shall be a  
2623 representative from the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association; 1 of whom shall be the  
2624 colonel of the state police or the colonel's designee; 1 of whom shall be a representative from the  
2625 Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association; and 1 of whom shall be a representative of a public  
2626 safety labor union. The subcommittee shall develop recommendations for regulations to be  
2627 considered by the commission to address public safety issues as a result of the development of  
2628 gaming establishments in the commonwealth, including but not limited to, how to mitigate the  
2629 impact of gaming establishments on crimes committed in the commonwealth. The subcommittee  
2630 shall also study the impact of gaming establishments on all aspects of public safety in the  
2631 commonwealth.

2632 (e) Each region, as defined in section 19, may establish a local community mitigation  
2633 advisory committee, which shall include not fewer than 6 members: 1 of whom shall be  
2634 appointed by each of the host and surrounding communities; 1 of whom shall be appointed by  
2635 each regional planning agency to which at least 1 of the host or surrounding communities  
2636 belongs; and 4 of whom shall be appointed by the commission, of whom at least 1 shall  
2637 represent a chamber of commerce in the region, 1 shall represent a regional economic  
2638 development organization in the region, and 2 shall represent human service providers in the  
2639 region. Each local committee shall annually elect a chair and such other officers as it deems  
2640 necessary to carry out its duties.

2641 Each local community mitigation advisory committee may provide information and  
2642 develop recommendations for the subcommittee on community mitigation on any issues related  
2643 to the gaming establishment located in its region including, but not limited to: (i) issues of  
2644 community mitigation; (ii) how funds may be expended from the Community Mitigation Fund;  
2645 and (iii) the impact of the gaming establishments on the host and surrounding communities.  
2646 Additionally, each local community mitigation advisory committee may present information to  
2647 the commission consistent with the rules of the commission on any issues related to the gaming  
2648 establishment located in its region.

2649 Section 69. The commission shall report monthly to the governor, the attorney general, the  
2650 senate and house committees on ways and means, the chairs of the joint committee on revenue  
2651 and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies the  
2652 total gaming revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses for the preceding month and shall  
2653 make an annual report to the same recipients which shall include a full and complete statement of  
2654 gaming revenues, prize disbursements and other expenses, including such recommendations as  
2655 the commission considers necessary or advisable. The commission shall report immediately to  
2656 the governor, the attorney general, the senate and house committees on ways and means, the  
2657 senate and house chairs of the joint committee on revenue and the senate and house chairs of the  
2658 joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies any matter which requires  
2659 immediate changes in the laws of the commonwealth in order to prevent abuses or evasions of  
2660 the laws, rules or regulations related to gaming or to rectify undesirable conditions in connection  
2661 with the administration or operation of gaming in the commonwealth.

2662 Section 70. The commission shall annually submit a complete and detailed report of the  
2663 commission's activities, including a review of the implementation and enforcement of this

2664 chapter and the governance structure established in this chapter, within 90 days after the end of  
2665 the fiscal year to the governor, the attorney general, the treasurer and receiver general, the clerk  
2666 of the house of representatives, the clerk of the senate, the chairs of the joint committee on  
2667 economic development and emerging technologies and the chairs of the house and senate  
2668 committees on ways and means.

2669 Section 71. The Massachusetts gaming commission, with the advice of the gaming policy  
2670 advisory committee, shall develop an annual research agenda in order to understand the social  
2671 and economic effects of expanding gaming in the commonwealth and to obtain scientific  
2672 information relative to the neuroscience, psychology, sociology, epidemiology and etiology of  
2673 gambling. The secretary of health and human services, with the advice and consent of the  
2674 commission may expend funds from the Public Health Trust Fund, established in section 58, to  
2675 implement the objectives of the research agenda which shall include, but not be limited to, the  
2676 following:

2677       (1) a baseline study of the existing occurrence of problem gambling in the  
2678 commonwealth; provided, however, that the study shall examine and describe the existing levels  
2679 of problem gambling and the existing programs available that prevent and address the harmful  
2680 consequences of problem gambling; provided further, that the commission shall contract with  
2681 scientists and physicians to examine the current research as to the causes for problem gambling  
2682 and the health effects of problem gambling and the treatment methods currently available in the  
2683 commonwealth; provided further, that the commission shall report on the findings of the baseline  
2684 study and provide recommendations to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the  
2685 joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies, the joint committee on

2686 mental health and substance abuse and the joint committee on public health relative to methods  
2687 to supplement or improve problem gambling prevention and treatment services;

2688 (2) comprehensive legal and factual studies of the social and economic impacts of  
2689 gambling in the commonwealth on: (a) state, local and Indian tribal governments; and (b)  
2690 communities and social institutions generally, including individuals, families and businesses  
2691 within such communities and institutions; provided, however, that the matters to be examined in  
2692 such studies shall include, but not be limited to:

2693 (i) a review of existing federal, state, local and Indian tribal government policies and  
2694 practices with respect to the legalization or prohibition of gambling, including a review of the  
2695 costs of such policies and practices;

2696 (ii) an assessment of the relationship between gambling and levels of crime and of  
2697 existing enforcement and regulatory practices intended to address any such relationship;

2698 (iii) an assessment of pathological or problem gambling, including its impact on  
2699 individuals, families, businesses, social institutions and the economy;

2700 (iv) an assessment of the impact of gambling on individuals, families, businesses, social  
2701 institutions and the economy generally, including the role of advertising in promoting gambling  
2702 and the impact of gambling on depressed economic areas;

2703 (v) an assessment of the extent to which gaming has provided revenues to other state,  
2704 local and Indian tribal governments;

2705 (vi) an assessment of the costs of added infrastructure, police force, increased  
2706 unemployment, increased health care and dependency on public assistance; and

2707 (vii), an assessment of the impact of gambling facility development and gambling facilities on  
2708 small businesses in host communities and surrounding communities, including a review of any  
2709 economic harm experienced and potential solutions to mitigate associated economic harm;

2710 (viii) the costs of implementing chapter 23K of the General Laws; and

2711 (3) individual studies conducted by academic institutions in the commonwealth and  
2712 individual researchers located in the commonwealth to study topics which shall include, but not  
2713 be limited to: (i) reward and aversion, neuroimaging and neuroscience in humans, addiction  
2714 phenotype genotype research, gambling-based experimental psychology and mathematical  
2715 modeling of reward-based decision-making; (ii) the sociology and psychology of gambling  
2716 behavior, gambling technology and marketing; and (iii) the epidemiology and etiology of  
2717 gambling and problem gambling in the general population; provided, however, that when  
2718 contracting with researchers to study such issues, the commission shall encourage the  
2719 collaboration among researchers in the commonwealth and other states and jurisdictions.

2720 The commission and the committee shall annually make scientifically-based  
2721 recommendations which reflect the results of this research to the house and senate committees on  
2722 ways and means, the joint committee on economic development and emerging technologies, the  
2723 joint committee on mental health and substance abuse and the joint committee on public health.  
2724 The commission shall consider any such recommendations, research and findings in all decisions  
2725 related to enhancing responsible gambling and mitigating problem gambling.

2726 SECTION 17. Chapter 23K of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 7, as  
2727 appearing in section 12, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-



2728           Section 7. The commission shall administer and enforce any general and special law  
2729 related to pari-mutuel wagering and simulcasting. The commission shall serve as a host racing  
2730 commission and an off-track betting commission for purposes of 15 U.S.C. 30001, et seq.

2731 SECTION 18. Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
2732 2BBBB the following 3 sections:

2733 Section 2CCCC. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
2734 separate fund to be known as the Local Aid Stabilization Fund. The fund shall consist of monies  
2735 transferred to it from the Gaming Revenue Fund established in section 59 of chapter 23K, all  
2736 other monies credited or transferred to it from any other fund or source and proceeds from the  
2737 investment of such funds. Subject to appropriation, the fund shall be distributed to cities and  
2738 towns as a supplement to other sources of local aid distributions, but shall not be subject to  
2739 section 5C.

2740 Section 2DDDD. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
2741 separate fund to be known as the Gaming Economic Development Fund. The fund shall be  
2742 credited with revenues transferred to it from the Gaming Revenue Fund established in section 59  
2743 of chapter 23K. Amounts credited to the fund shall be expended, subject to appropriation, to  
2744 support economic development and job growth including, but not limited to: (1) workforce  
2745 training, including transfers to the Workforce Competitiveness Trust Fund; (2) tourism  
2746 promotion, including regional tourism promotion agencies and cultural and recreational  
2747 attraction promotion; (3) summer jobs; (4) the Massachusetts Marketing Partnership; (5) higher  
2748 education scholarships; (6) regional economic development initiatives; (7) support for small  
2749 businesses, including small business lending; (8) green jobs promotion; (9) science, technology,

2750 engineering and mathematics career pipeline initiatives; and (10) agricultural development  
2751 programs, including youth agricultural education.

2752 Section 2EEEE. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a Local  
2753 Capital Projects Fund. The fund shall be credited with any monies transferred from licensing fees  
2754 of gaming establishments or funds transferred from the Gaming Revenue Fund under chapter  
2755 23K and any monies credited to or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source.

2756 SECTION 19. Section 38 of said chapter 29, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby  
2757 amended by striking out, in lines 115 and 116, the words “Fund, as established and defined in  
2758 section thirty-five of chapter ten,” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and  
2759 Gaming Fund established in section 35 of chapter 10.

2760 SECTION 20. Said section 38 of said chapter 29, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
2761 striking out, in lines 127 and 128, the words “the said State Lottery” and inserting in place  
2762 thereof the following words:- the State Lottery and Gaming.

2763 SECTION 21. Section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2764 the word “connector”, in line 211, as amended by section 47 of chapter 25 of the acts of 2009,  
2765 the following words:- , the Massachusetts gaming commission,.

2766 SECTION 22. Section 2 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2767 after the word “authority”, in line 12, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, the following  
2768 words:- , the Massachusetts gaming commission.

2769 SECTION 23. Section 94 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
2770 by inserting after the word “and”, in line 7, the first time it appears, the following word:- illegal.

2771 SECTION 24. Section 7A of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2772 amended by adding the following subsection:-

2773 (c) The aggregate of all contributions by a person who holds a license issued by the  
2774 Massachusetts gaming commission, who was required to apply for that license under section 14  
2775 of chapter 23K, for the benefit of any 1 candidate and such candidate's committee shall not  
2776 exceed \$200 in a calendar year. The aggregate of all contributions by a person who holds a  
2777 license issued by the Massachusetts gaming commission, who was required to apply for that  
2778 license under section 14 of chapter 23K, for the benefit of any other political committee, other  
2779 than a ballot question committee, shall not exceed \$200 in a calendar year.

2780 SECTION 25. Section 18C of chapter 58 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2781 amended by inserting after the word "Lottery", in line 6, the following words:- and Gaming.

2782 SECTION 26. Section 18D of said chapter 58 is hereby repealed.

2783 SECTION 26A. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department of  
2784 revenue shall study the tax revenue loss incurred by establishing a deduction, under section 3 of  
2785 chapter 62, similar to the deduction described in section 165(d) of the Code, to the extent, if any,  
2786 that that amount of such losses occurred in gaming facilities located in Massachusetts. The  
2787 department shall report its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation  
2788 necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerks of the  
2789 senate and house of representatives and with the house and senate chairs of the joint committee  
2790 on revenue not later than June 30, 2012.

2791 SECTION 27. Section 5A of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2792 amended by inserting after the word “commonwealth”, in line 24, the following words:- ,  
2793 including gaming winnings acquired at or through a gaming establishment under chapter 23K.

2794 SECTION 28. The seventh paragraph of section 2 of chapter 62B of the General Laws, as so  
2795 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first 2 sentences and inserting in place thereof  
2796 the following 2 sentences:- Every person, including the United States, the commonwealth or any  
2797 other state, or any political subdivision or instrumentality of the foregoing, making any payment  
2798 of lottery or wagering winnings, which are subject to tax under chapter 62 and which are subject  
2799 to withholding under section 3402(q) of the Internal Revenue Code shall deduct and withhold  
2800 from such payment an amount equal to 5 per cent of such payment. For the purposes of this  
2801 chapter and chapter 62C, such payment of winnings shall be treated as if it were wages paid by  
2802 an employer to an employee.

2803 SECTION 29. Said chapter 62B is hereby further amended by striking out section 5, as so  
2804 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

2805 Section 5. Every employer required to deduct and withhold from an employee or payee a tax  
2806 under section 2 or who would have been required under said section 2 in the case of an employee  
2807 to deduct and withhold a tax if the employee had not claimed any personal exemption or  
2808 dependency exemptions, shall furnish to each such employee or payee in respect of the wages or  
2809 other payments paid by such employer to such employee or payee during the calendar year, on or  
2810 before January 31 of the succeeding year, or, if an employee’s employment is terminated before  
2811 the close of such calendar year, within 30 days from the day on which the last payment of wages  
2812 shall be made, a written statement in duplicate showing the name of the employer, the name of

2813 the employee or payee and the social security number of such employee or payee, if any, the  
2814 total amount of wages or other amounts subject to taxation under chapter 62 and the total amount  
2815 deducted and withheld as tax. The statement shall contain such other information as the  
2816 commissioner may prescribe. The commissioner may grant reasonable extensions of time, not  
2817 exceeding 60 days, for the furnishing of the statement.

2818 An employer who fails to withhold or pay to the commissioner any sum required by this chapter  
2819 to be withheld or paid shall be personally and individually liable therefor to the commonwealth.  
2820 The term “employer,” as used in this section and in section 11, shall include a person or entity  
2821 required to withhold tax from a payee, an officer or employee of a corporation or a member or  
2822 employee of a partnership or limited liability company who, as such officer, employee or  
2823 member is under a duty to withhold and pay over taxes in accordance with this section and  
2824 section 2. Any sum withheld in accordance with said section 2 shall be considered to be held in  
2825 trust for the commonwealth.

2826 If an employer in violation of this chapter fails to withhold the tax in accordance with section 2  
2827 and thereafter the tax against which such tax may be credited pursuant to section 9 is paid, the  
2828 tax so required to be withheld shall not be collected from the employer; but this paragraph shall  
2829 not relieve the employer from liability for any penalties or additions to the tax otherwise  
2830 applicable in respect of such failure to withhold.

2831 SECTION 30. The first paragraph of section 8 of chapter 62C of the General Laws, as so  
2832 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
2833 following sentence:-The same basis of reporting shall be utilized for income that is subject to

2834 taxation or withholding under chapter 62 or 62B but is not subject to taxation or withholding  
2835 under the Code.

2836 SECTION 31. The third paragraph of subsection (f) of section 38 of chapter 63 of the General  
2837 Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:- (8) in the case of a  
2838 business deriving receipts from operating a gaming establishment or otherwise deriving receipts  
2839 from conducting a wagering business or activity, income-producing activity shall be considered  
2840 to be performed in this commonwealth to the extent that the location of wagering transactions or  
2841 activities that generated the receipts is in this commonwealth.

2842 SECTION 32. Said subsection (f) of said section 38 of said chapter 63, as so appearing, is  
2843 hereby amended by inserting after the word “place”, in line 200, the following clause:- (7) in the  
2844 case of a business deriving receipts from operating a gaming establishment or otherwise deriving  
2845 receipts from conducting a wagering business or activity, income-producing activity shall be  
2846 considered to be performed in this commonwealth to the extent that the location of wagering  
2847 transactions or activities that generated the receipts is in this commonwealth.

2848 SECTION 33. Section 2 of chapter 70 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended  
2849 by inserting after the word “Lottery”, in line 355, the following words:- and Gaming.

2850 SECTION 34. Section 2 of chapter 128 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2851 amended by striking out, in line 99, the words “or dog”.

2852 SECTION 35. Said section 2 of said chapter 128, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by  
2853 striking out subsection (i).

2854 SECTION 36. Said subsection 2 of said chapter 128, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
2855 by striking out, in lines 152 and 153, the words “the provisions of paragraphs (b), (f), (g), and  
2856 (i)” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- subsections (b), (f) and (g).

2857 SECTION 37. Section 1 of chapter 128A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2858 amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “state racing commission” and inserting in place  
2859 thereof the following words:- Massachusetts gaming commission established in chapter 23K.

2860 SECTION 38. Said chapter 128A is hereby repealed.

2861 SECTION 39. Section 1 of chapter 128C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2862 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the words “state racing commission” and  
2863 inserting in place thereof the following words:- Massachusetts gaming commission established in  
2864 chapter 23K.

2865 SECTION 40. Said chapter 128C of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

2866 SECTION 41. Section 1 of chapter 137 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2867 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “gaming”, in line 2, the following words:-  
2868 , except for gaming conducted in licensed gaming establishments pursuant to chapter 23K.

2869 SECTION 42. Section 2 of said chapter 137, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out,  
2870 in line 2, the word “where” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , but not  
2871 including an owner or operator of a licensed gaming establishment pursuant to chapter 23K,  
2872 where.

2873 SECTION 43. Section 3 of said chapter 137, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
2874 after the word “betting,” in line 5, the following words:- ,but not including gaming conducted  
2875 pursuant to chapter 23K.

2876 SECTION 44. Section 18 of chapter 139 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2877 amended by inserting after the word “of”, in line 6, the word:- illegal.

2878 SECTION 45. Section 177A of chapter 140 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2879 amended by inserting after the word “machines”, in line 12, the following words:- , but not  
2880 including slot machines as defined in chapter 23K.

2881 SECTION 46. Section 26A of chapter 180 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2882 amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 16, each time it appears, the words “or dog”.

2883 SECTION 47. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 267 the  
2884 following chapter:-

2885 Chapter 267A

2886 Money Laundering.

2887 Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires  
2888 otherwise have the following meanings:

2889 “Criminal activity”, activity which constitutes a criminal offense punishable under the  
2890 laws of the commonwealth by imprisonment in a state prison or a criminal offense committed in  
2891 another jurisdiction punishable under the laws of that jurisdiction as a felony.



2892           “Financial institution”, (1) a bank as defined in section 1 of chapter 167; (2) a national  
2893 banking association, bank, savings and loan, savings bank, cooperative bank, building and loan  
2894 or credit union organized under the laws of the United States; (3) a banking association, bank,  
2895 savings and loan, savings bank, cooperative bank, building and loan or credit union organized  
2896 under the laws of any state; (4) an agency, agent or branch of a foreign bank; (5) a currency  
2897 dealer or exchange; (6) a person or business engaged primarily in the cashing of checks; (7) a  
2898 person or business regularly engaged in the issuing, selling or redeeming of traveler's checks,  
2899 money orders or similar instruments; (8) a broker or dealer in securities or commodities; (9) a  
2900 licensed transmitter of funds or other person or business regularly engaged in the transmission of  
2901 funds to a foreign nation for others; (10) an investment banker or investment company; (11) an  
2902 insurer; (12) a dealer in precious metals, stones or jewels; (13) a pawnbroker or scrap metal  
2903 dealer; (14) a telegraph or other communications company; (15) a personal property or real estate  
2904 broker; (16) a dealer in vehicles including, but not limited to, automobiles, aircraft and vessels;  
2905 (17) an operator of a betting or gaming establishment; (18) a travel agent; (19) a thrift institution,  
2906 as defined by section 1 of chapter 167F; (20) an operator of a credit card system; or (21) a loan  
2907 or finance company.

2908           “Monetary instrument”, the currency and coin of the United States or any foreign  
2909 country; any bank check, money order, stock, investment security, or negotiable instrument in  
2910 bearer form or otherwise in such form that title passes upon delivery; gold, silver or platinum  
2911 bullion or coins; diamonds, emeralds, rubies or sapphires; any negotiable instrument including:  
2912 bank checks, cashier's checks, traveler's checks, or monetary orders made payable to the order of  
2913 a named party that have not been endorsed or which bear restrictive endorsements; poker chips,

2914 vouchers or other tokens exchangeable for cash by gaming entities; and credit cards, debit cards,  
2915 gift cards, gift certificates or scrips.

2916 “Transaction”, a purchase, sale, loan, pledge, gift, transfer, delivery, or other disposition  
2917 and, with respect to a financial institution, including, but not limited to, a deposit, withdrawal,  
2918 bailment, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or  
2919 sale of any stock, bond, certificate of deposit or other monetary instrument, use of a safe deposit  
2920 box or any other payment, transfer or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution, by  
2921 whatever means effected.

2922 Section 2. Whoever knowingly:

2923 (1) transports or possesses a monetary instrument or other property that was derived from  
2924 criminal activity with the intent to promote, carry on or facilitate criminal activity;

2925 (2) engages in a transaction involving a monetary instrument or other property known to be  
2926 derived from criminal activity:

2927 (i) with the intent to promote, carry on or facilitate criminal activity; or

2928 (ii) knowing that the transaction is designed in whole or in part either to: (A) conceal or  
2929 disguise the nature, location, source, ownership or control of the property derived from criminal  
2930 activity; or (B) avoid a transaction reporting requirement of this chapter, of the United States, or  
2931 of any other state; or

2932 (3) directs, organizes, finances, plans, manages, supervises or controls the transportation of, or  
2933 transactions in, monetary instruments or other property known to be derived from criminal  
2934 activity or which a reasonable person would believe to be derived from criminal activity shall be

2935 guilty of the crime of money laundering and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state  
2936 prison for not more than 6 years or by a fine of not more than \$250,000 or twice the value of the  
2937 property transacted, whichever is greater, or by both such imprisonment and fine. Whoever  
2938 commits a second or subsequent such offense shall be punished by imprisonment in the state  
2939 prison for not less than 2 years, but not more than 8 years or by a fine of not more than \$500,000  
2940 or 3 times the value of the property transacted, whichever is greater, or by both such  
2941 imprisonment and fine.

2942           Section 3. (a) A financial institution shall file with the attorney general a copy of any and  
2943 all reports required by the Currency and Foreign Transactions Act, set forth in 31 U.S.C.,  
2944 sections 5311 through 5315, 31 C.F.R. 103.

2945           (b) A financial institution, or any officer, employee, or agent of a financial institution that  
2946 maintains and files a record or report under this section shall not be liable to its customer, to a  
2947 state or local agency, or to any person for any loss or damage caused in whole or in part by the  
2948 making, filing or governmental use of the record or report, or any information contained in the  
2949 record or report. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to give rise to a private cause of  
2950 action for relief or damages. This subsection shall not preclude a financial institution, in its  
2951 discretion, from instituting contact with, and then communicating with and disclosing customer  
2952 financial records to appropriate federal, state or local law enforcement agencies if the financial  
2953 institution has reason to suspect that the records or information demonstrate that the customer  
2954 has violated this chapter.

2955           (c) Any report, record or information obtained by the attorney general under this section  
2956 shall not be a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or section 10 of

2957 chapter 66 and shall not be subject to disclosure, except to other state and federal law  
2958 enforcement agencies.

2959 (d) Any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine of \$100 for each report not  
2960 filed.

2961 (e) The timely filing of complete and accurate reports required under subsection (a) with  
2962 the appropriate federal agency shall constitute compliance with the requirements of subsection  
2963 (a).

2964 Section 4. All monetary instruments or other property, real, intellectual or personal,  
2965 obtained directly as a result of a violation of section 2, shall be subject to forfeiture to the  
2966 commonwealth. Forfeiture proceedings shall be conducted as provided in subsections (b) to (j),  
2967 inclusive, of section 47 of chapter 94C. For the purposes of subsection (d) of said section 47 of  
2968 said chapter 94C, the investigations and enforcement bureau of the Massachusetts gaming  
2969 commission established in chapter 23K shall be considered a police department and shall be  
2970 entitled to a police department's distribution of forfeiture proceedings.

2971 SECTION 48. Section 6 of chapter 268B of the General Laws, as appearing in section 95 of  
2972 chapter 28 of the acts of 2009, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

2973 For the purposes of this section, a person who holds a license issued by the Massachusetts  
2974 gaming commission, who was required to apply for that license pursuant to section 14 of chapter  
2975 23K, shall be considered a legislative agent.

2976 SECTION 49. Section 1 of chapter 271 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2977 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “gaming”, in lines 3 and 4, the following  
2978 words:- , except as permitted under chapter 23K.

2979 SECTION 50. Section 2 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out  
2980 the words “in any”, in line 14, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , except as  
2981 permitted under chapter 23K, in any.

2982 SECTION 51. Section 3 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out,  
2983 in line 1, the word “Every” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Except as  
2984 permitted under chapter 23K, every.

2985 SECTION 52. Section 5 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out,  
2986 in line 1, the word “keeps”, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- , except as  
2987 permitted under chapter 23K, keeps.

2988 SECTION 53. The second paragraph of section 5A of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is  
2989 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

2990 This section shall not apply to persons who manufacture, transport, sell, offer for sale, store,  
2991 display, repair, recondition, possess or use any gambling device or parts for use in such a device  
2992 for licensed gaming conducted under chapter 23K.

2993 SECTION 54. Section 6 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out,  
2994 in lines 3 and 4, the words “gambling or unlawful game” and inserting in place thereof the  
2995 words:- illegal gaming.

2996 SECTION 55. Section 7 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
2997 after the word “device”, in line 7, the first time it appears, the following words:- that is not  
2998 taking place in a gaming establishment licensed pursuant to chapter 23K.

2999 SECTION 55A. Section 7A of chapter 271 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008  
3000 Official Edition, is hereby amended, by inserting at line 36, after the word ‘bazaar’, the  
3001 following: ‘, except that the sponsoring organization may retain, at a reasonable fee, non-  
3002 members to assist in the operation of such raffle or bazaar, including providing paid dealers and  
3003 game supervisors to insure that the rules of the game are properly administered and complied  
3004 with, so long as only qualified members of the sponsoring organization handle the funds  
3005 collected and disbursed at the raffle or bazaar.

3006 SECTION 56. Said chapter 271 is hereby further amended by striking out section 8, as so  
3007 appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

3008 Section 8. Whoever owns, occupies or is in control of a house, shop or building and knowingly  
3009 permits the establishing, managing or drawing of a lottery, or the disposal or attempt to dispose  
3010 of property, or the sale of a lottery ticket or share of a ticket, or any other writing, certificate, bill,  
3011 token or other device purporting or intended to entitle the holder, bearer or any other person to a  
3012 prize or to a share of or interest in a prize to be drawn in a lottery, or in the disposal of property,  
3013 and whoever knowingly allows money or other property to be raffled for or won by throwing or  
3014 using dice or by any other game of chance that is not being conducted in a gaming establishment  
3015 licensed under chapter 23K, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or by  
3016 imprisonment in the house of correction for not more than 1 year.

3017 SECTION 57. Section 14 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3018 after the word “by”, in line 3, the first time it appears, the following words:- illegal gaming,  
3019 including games of.

3020 SECTION 58. Section 16A of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3021 after the word “wagerers”, in line 14, the following words:- or persons who organize, supervise,  
3022 manage or finance persons for the purpose of legal gaming conducted under chapter 23K.

3023 SECTION 59. Section 17 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the  
3024 following sentence: - This section shall not apply to a person who organizes, supervises,  
3025 manages or finances another person for the purpose of gaming conducted in accordance with  
3026 chapter 23K.

3027 SECTION 60. Section 19 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3028 after the word “hazard”, in line 16, the following sentence:- This section shall not apply to  
3029 advertising of gaming conducted pursuant to chapter 23K.

3030 SECTION 61. Section 20 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the  
3031 following sentence:- Nothing in this section shall prohibit a gaming establishment licensed  
3032 under chapter 23K from posting, advertising or displaying materials relevant to its gaming  
3033 operations.

3034 SECTION 62. Section 22 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3035 after the word “ of”, in line 6, the third time it appears, the following word:- illegal.

3036 SECTION 63. Section 23 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3037 after the word “for”, in line 28, the following words:-; provided, however, that such provisions  
3038 shall not apply to gaming conducted pursuant chapter 23K.

3039 SECTION 64. Section 28 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3040 after the word “of”, in line 3, the third time it appears, the following word:- illegal.

3041 SECTION 65. Section 31 of said chapter 271, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting  
3042 after the word “both”, in line 8, the following sentence: - This section shall not apply to racing  
3043 conducted pursuant to chapter 23K.

3044 SECTION 66. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter 271 the  
3045 following chapter:-

3046 Chapter 271A

3047 Enterprise Crime.

3048 Section 1. As used in this chapter, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires  
3049 otherwise, have the following meanings:

3050 “Criminal enterprise activity”, the commission, attempt to commit or conspiracy to commit or  
3051 the solicitation, coercion, aiding, abetting or intimidation of another to commit any of the  
3052 following criminal activity under the laws of the commonwealth or equivalent crimes under the  
3053 laws of any other jurisdiction: a violation of any criminal provision of chapter 23K; a felony  
3054 offense under chapter 271; distributing, dispensing, manufacturing, or possession with intent to  
3055 distribute, dispense or manufacture a controlled substance in violation of chapter 94C; murder;  
3056 rape; manslaughter, not including motor vehicle homicide; assault; assault and battery; assault



3057 and battery in order to collect a loan; assault with intent to rob or murder; poisoning; mayhem;  
3058 robbery; extortion; stalking; criminal harassment; kidnapping; arson; burglary; malicious  
3059 destruction of property; commission of a felony for hire; breaking and entering; child  
3060 exploitation; assault and battery on a child; rape of a child; rape and abuse of a child; enticement  
3061 of a child under 16; human trafficking; violation of constitutional rights under section 37 of  
3062 chapter 265; usury; uttering; misuse or fraudulent use of credit cards under section 37C of  
3063 chapter 266; identity fraud; misappropriation of funds; gross fraud under section 76 of chapter  
3064 276; insurance fraud; unlawful prize fighting or boxing matches; counterfeiting; perjury;  
3065 subornation of perjury; obstruction of justice; money laundering; witness intimidation; bribery;  
3066 electronic eavesdropping; prostitution under sections 2, 3, 4A, 4B, 6, 7, 12 and 13 of chapter  
3067 272; receiving stolen property; larceny over \$250; larceny by false pretenses or embezzlement;  
3068 forgery; procurement fraud; false claims; tax evasion; filing false tax returns; or any conduct  
3069 defined as a racketeering activity under Title 18, U.S.C. s. 1961(1)(A)(B) and (D).

3070 “Enterprise”, an entity including any individual, sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation,  
3071 association, trust or other legal entity and any unchartered union or group of persons associated  
3072 in fact although not a legally recognized entity.

3073 “Gaming establishment”, an establishment licensed under chapter 23K.

3074 “Pattern of criminal enterprise activity”, engaging in at least 3 incidents of criminal enterprise  
3075 activity that have the same or similar pattern, intents, results, accomplices, victims or methods of  
3076 commission, or are otherwise interrelated by distinguishing characteristics and are not isolated  
3077 incidents; provided, however, that at least 1 of the incidents occurred after the effective date of

3078 this chapter, and the last incident occurred within 5 years of another incident of criminal  
3079 enterprise activity.

3080 “Unlawful debt”, a debt which was incurred or contracted in an illegal gambling activity or  
3081 business; or which is unenforceable under state or federal law, in whole or in part, as to principal  
3082 or interest under the law relating to usury.

3083 Section 2. Whoever knowingly: (1) through a pattern of criminal enterprise activity or through  
3084 the collection of an unlawful debt acquires or maintains, directly or indirectly, an interest in or  
3085 control of an enterprise which is engaged in, or the activities of which affect, licensed gaming  
3086 under chapter 23K or ancillary industries which do business with a gaming establishment; (2)  
3087 having received proceeds derived, directly or indirectly, from a pattern of criminal enterprise  
3088 activity or through the collection of an unlawful debt, uses or invests, directly or indirectly, part  
3089 of the proceeds including proceeds derived from the investment, in the acquisition of an interest  
3090 in real property to be used in connection with licensed gaming, or in the establishment or  
3091 operation of, an enterprise which is engaged in, or the activities of which affect, licensed gaming  
3092 operations or ancillary industries which do business with a gaming establishment; (3) is  
3093 employed by or associated with an enterprise to conduct or participate, directly or indirectly, in  
3094 the conduct of the enterprise's affairs or activities which affect licensed gaming operations or  
3095 ancillary industries which do business with a gaming establishment by engaging in a pattern of  
3096 criminal enterprise activity or through the collection of an unlawful debt; or (4) conspires or  
3097 attempts to violate subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this section or attempts to so conspire; shall be  
3098 guilty of enterprise crime and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more  
3099 than 15 years or by a fine of not more than \$25,000, or by both such imprisonment and fine.

3100 Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the purchase of securities on the open market for  
3101 purposes of investment made without the intention of controlling or participating in the control  
3102 of the issuer, or of assisting another to do so, if the securities of the issuer held by the: (i)  
3103 purchaser; (ii) members of the purchaser's immediate family; or (iii) the purchaser's accomplices  
3104 in any pattern of criminal activity for the collection of an unlawful debt after such purchase do  
3105 not amount, in the aggregate, to 1 per cent of the outstanding securities of any 1 class and do not  
3106 confer, either in law or in fact, the power to elect 1 or more directors of the issuer.

3107 Section 3. All monetary proceeds or other property, real, intellectual or personal, obtained  
3108 directly as a result of a violation of this chapter, shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture to the  
3109 commonwealth. Forfeiture proceedings shall be conducted as provided in subsections (b) to (j),  
3110 inclusive of section 47 of chapter 94C. For purposes of subsection (d) of said section 47 of said  
3111 chapter 94C, the investigation and enforcement bureau of the Massachusetts gaming commission  
3112 established under chapter 23K shall be considered a police department, entitled to a police  
3113 department's distribution of forfeiture proceedings.

3114 SECTION 67. Section 39 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
3115 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "in", in line 7, the following word:-  
3116 illegal.

3117 SECTION 68. The first paragraph of section 12A of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 is hereby  
3118 amended by striking out the words "and until January 31, 2012", inserted by section 1 of chapter  
3119 77 of the acts of 2011, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31,  
3120 2014.

3121 SECTION 69. The last paragraph of said section 12A of said chapter 494 is hereby amended by  
3122 striking out the words “January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 2 of said chapter 77, and inserting  
3123 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2014.

3124 SECTION 70. The introductory paragraph of section 13 of said chapter 494 is hereby amended  
3125 by striking out the words “and until January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 3 of said chapter 77,  
3126 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2014.

3127 SECTION 71. Said section 13 of said chapter 494 is hereby further amended by striking out  
3128 clause (c), as appearing in section 2 of chapter 114 of the acts of 1991.

3129 SECTION 72. Clause (d) of said section 13 of said chapter 494, as so appearing, is hereby  
3130 amended by striking out, in line 21, the words “, (b) or (c )” and inserting in place thereof the  
3131 following words:- or (b).

3132 SECTION 73. Said section 13 of said chapter 494 is hereby further amended by striking out  
3133 subsection (f), as so appearing.

3134 SECTION 74. Section 15 of said chapter 494 is hereby amended by striking out the words “and  
3135 until January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 4 of said chapter 77, and inserting in place thereof  
3136 the following words:- and until July 31, 2014.

3137 SECTION 75. The first paragraph of section 9 of chapter 277 of the acts of 1986 is hereby  
3138 amended by striking out the words “and until January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 5 of said  
3139 chapter 77, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2014.

3140 SECTION 76. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 114 of the acts of  
3141 1991 is hereby amended by striking out the words “and until January 31, 2012”, inserted by

3142 section 6 of said chapter 77, and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July  
3143 31, 2014.

3144 SECTION 77. The last paragraph of said section 3 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by  
3145 striking out the words “January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 7 of said chapter 77, and inserting  
3146 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2014.

3147 SECTION 78. The first paragraph of section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by striking  
3148 out the words “and until January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 8 of said chapter 77, and  
3149 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2014.

3150 SECTION 79. The last paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by  
3151 striking out the words “January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 9 of said chapter 77, and inserting  
3152 in place thereof the following words:- July 31, 2014.

3153 SECTION 80. The first paragraph of section 5 of said chapter 114 is hereby amended by striking  
3154 out the words “and until January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 10 of said chapter 77, and  
3155 inserting in place thereof the following words:- and until July 31, 2014.

3156 SECTION 81. Section 13 of chapter 101 of the acts of 1992 is hereby repealed.

3157 SECTION 82. Section 45 of chapter 139 of the acts of 2001 is hereby amended by striking out  
3158 the words “January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 12 of said chapter 77, and inserting in place  
3159 thereof the following words:- July 31, 2014.

3160 SECTION 83. Section 20 of chapter 449 of the acts of 2006 is hereby amended by striking out  
3161 the words “January 31, 2012”, inserted by section 13 of said chapter 77, and inserting in place  
3162 thereof the following words:- July 31, 2014.

3163 SECTION 84. (a) Notwithstanding section 5 of chapter 128A of the General Laws or any other  
3164 general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the greyhound meeting licensee  
3165 located in Bristol county and the greyhound meeting licensee located in Suffolk county shall not  
3166 be eligible for purse assistance pursuant to clause (6) of subsection (h) of said section 5.

3167 (b) Notwithstanding chapters 128A and 128C of the General Laws or any other general or special  
3168 law or rule or regulation to the contrary, amounts from unclaimed winnings and breaks generated  
3169 by the greyhound meeting licensee located in Bristol county and the greyhound meeting licensee  
3170 located in Suffolk county shall be dedicated to the Racing Stabilization Fund established in  
3171 subsection (a) of section 85.

3172 (c) Notwithstanding section 14 of chapter 77 of the acts of 2011 or any other general or special  
3173 law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the greyhound meeting licensee located in Bristol county  
3174 and the greyhound meeting licensee located in Suffolk county shall, unless otherwise provided in  
3175 this act, be subject to chapter 128A and 128C of the General Laws and chapter 139 of the acts of  
3176 2001.

3177 SECTION 85. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
3178 contrary, there shall be a Racing Stabilization Fund that shall be administered by the  
3179 Massachusetts Gaming Commission, hereinafter known as the commission, established pursuant  
3180 to chapter 23K of the General Laws. The fund shall consist of all revenues dedicated pursuant to  
3181 this act. Any balance in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General  
3182 Fund; provided, however, that the commission shall distribute to owners and lessees of  
3183 greyhound dogs who have raced in calendar year 2009 for the humane care, maintenance and  
3184 adoption of those greyhound dogs, a sum equal to 1 per cent of the total amount wagered at each

3185 racing meeting licensee within the commonwealth acting as a guest track and simulcasting a live  
3186 greyhound race from a host track from outside the commonwealth provided, however, that  
3187 before any such amount is distributed, the commission shall develop a method and criteria by  
3188 which to distribute such funds in an equitable manner among dog owners. The commission shall  
3189 distribute to kennel owners who housed greyhound dogs who have raced in calendar year 2009  
3190 for the humane care, maintenance and adoption of those greyhound dogs, a sum equal to 1.5 per  
3191 cent of the total amount wagered at each racing meeting licensee within the commonwealth  
3192 acting as a guest track and simulcasting a live greyhound race from a host track from outside  
3193 commonwealth; provided, however, that before any amount is distributed, the commission shall  
3194 develop a method and criteria by which to distribute such funds in an equitable manner among  
3195 kennel owners; and provided further, the commission shall begin payments to kennel owners in  
3196 April 2012. Such payments shall be paid on a biweekly basis beginning on April 12, 2012.

3197 (b) Notwithstanding section 12A of chapter 494 of the acts of 1978 or any other general or  
3198 special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, after July 31, 2011, the comptroller shall transfer  
3199 all monies deposited in the Greyhound Capital Improvements Trust Fund and the Greyhound  
3200 Promotional Trust Fund, each established under said section 12A of said chapter 494, to the  
3201 Racing Stabilization Fund established in subsection (a). After July 31, 2011, the comptroller  
3202 shall transfer any revenues deposited into the Greyhound Capital Improvements Trust Fund and  
3203 the Greyhound Promotional Trust Fund into the Racing Stabilization Fund within 10 days after  
3204 receipt of those revenues.

3205 (c) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the greyhound meeting licensee  
3206 located in Bristol county and the greyhound meeting licensee located in Suffolk county shall  
3207 report monthly to Massachusetts gaming commission established under chapter 23K of the

3208 General Laws on their net and gross revenue, including an itemization of premiums received,  
3209 fees received and any amounts dedicated to purse accounts, the Greyhound Capital  
3210 Improvements Trust Fund and the Greyhound Promotional Trust Fund. The report shall include  
3211 the number of part-time and full-time staff employed by the licensees at the close of the previous  
3212 month. The report shall also include the total amount of premiums paid to the harness horse  
3213 meeting licensees located in Norfolk county and the running horse meeting licensee located in  
3214 Suffolk county. Failure to file the report on the tenth day of each month shall be cause for  
3215 suspension of the greyhound meeting license. The commission shall forward all such reports to  
3216 the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on economic  
3217 development and emerging technologies and the joint committee on labor and workforce  
3218 development. The greyhound meeting licensee located in Bristol county and the greyhound  
3219 meeting licensee located in Suffolk county shall also prepare a report of all funds received and  
3220 disbursed for calendar years 2010 and 2011. The report shall also be filed with the commission  
3221 not later than January 31, 2012, and the commission shall forward the reports to the house and  
3222 senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on economic development and  
3223 emerging technologies and the joint committee on labor and workforce development.

3224 (d) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, monies in the  
3225 Racing Stabilization Fund established in subsection (a) may be used to assist efforts to secure  
3226 alternative employment and retraining opportunities for displaced workers impacted by the  
3227 enactment of chapter 388 of the acts of 2008 including, but not limited to, coordinating the  
3228 delivery of available state and federal resources and services; provided, however, that such funds  
3229 from the fund shall only be expended after all federal funds from the Workforce Investment Act



3230 and the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act have been exhausted; provided further, that  
3231 state funds shall be distributed in accordance with subsection (a).

3232 (e) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, upon the effective date of this act,  
3233 the comptroller shall transfer all monies from the Racing Stabilization Fund established pursuant  
3234 to chapter 167 of the acts of 2009, as amended by section 14 of chapter 86 of the acts of 2010, to  
3235 the Racing Stabilization Fund established herein.

3236 SECTION 86. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in making initial  
3237 appointments to the Massachusetts gaming commission established in chapter 23K of the  
3238 General Laws, of the members to be appointed by majority agreement of the governor, the  
3239 attorney general and the treasurer and receiver general, 1 commissioner shall be appointed for a  
3240 term of 3 years and 1 shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. The commissioner to be appointed  
3241 by the treasurer and receiver general shall serve for a term of 5 years, the commissioner to be  
3242 appointed by the attorney general shall serve for a term of 6 years and the commissioner  
3243 appointed by the governor shall serve for a term of 7 years. Commissioners shall be appointed  
3244 within 90 days of the effective date of this act; provided, however, that no person shall be  
3245 allowed to serve on the commission prior to the completion of a background investigation  
3246 pursuant to section 3 of chapter 23K of the General Laws.

3247 SECTION 87. The chair of the Massachusetts gaming commission shall consider current  
3248 employees of the state racing commission as eligible for employment with the commission and  
3249 shall, subject to all other requirements and conditions of employment under chapter 23K of the  
3250 General Laws, give preference to such individuals when making such employment decisions.

3251 SECTION 88. A gaming licensee awarded a gaming license under chapter 23K of the General  
3252 Laws shall show preference in hiring to qualified persons permanently employed as of June 1,  
3253 2010 at a facility authorized to conduct simulcasting under chapter 128C of the General Laws  
3254 that was in operation on June 1, 2010 within the region for which the gaming license was granted  
3255 if that facility terminates operation within 1 year of the Massachusetts gaming commission  
3256 awarding the gaming license, subject to all other requirements and conditions of employment  
3257 under said chapter 23K; provided, however, that a facility authorized to conduct simulcasting  
3258 shall provide employment data on the number, names and addresses of employees in permanent  
3259 employment with that facility as of June 1, 2010 to the commission to assist the gaming licensee  
3260 in meeting this obligation.

3261 SECTION 89. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
3262 contrary, the governor may enter into a compact with a federally recognized Indian tribe in the  
3263 commonwealth.

3264 (b) The Massachusetts gaming commission shall, upon request of the governor, provide  
3265 assistance to the governor in negotiating such compact.

3266 (c) The governor shall only enter into negotiations under this section with a tribe that has  
3267 purchased, or entered into an agreement to purchase, a parcel of land for the proposed tribal  
3268 gaming development and scheduled a vote in the host communities for approval of the proposed  
3269 tribal gaming development.

3270 (d) A compact negotiated and agreed to by the governor and tribe shall be submitted to the  
3271 general court for approval.

3272 (e) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, if a mutually  
3273 agreed-upon compact has not been negotiated by the governor and Indian tribe or if such  
3274 compact has not been approved by the general court before July 31, 2012, the commission shall  
3275 issue a request for applications for a category 1 license in Region C pursuant to chapter 23K of  
3276 the General Laws not later than October 31, 2012; provided, however, that if, at any time on or  
3277 after August 1, 2012, the commission determines that the tribe will not have land placed into  
3278 trust for their benefit due to a decision by the Secretary of the Department of the Interior or a  
3279 court of competent jurisdiction, the commission shall consider bids for a category 1 license in  
3280 Region C under said chapter 23K. The commission shall prepare quarterly reports on the status  
3281 of a federally recognized tribe's application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to approve any  
3282 negotiated compact or place land into trust for the purposes of conducting Indian gaming  
3283 pursuant to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. The commission shall file such reports with the  
3284 clerks of the house and senate and the chairs of the joint committee on economic development  
3285 and emerging technologies.

3286 SECTION 90. Notwithstanding section 2 of chapter 128A of the General Laws and sections 1, 2  
3287 and 2A of chapter 128C of the General Laws or any other general or special law, rule or  
3288 regulation to the contrary, the greyhound meeting licensee located in Bristol county and the  
3289 greyhound meeting licensee located in Suffolk county licensed to conduct live racing pursuant to  
3290 said chapter 128A and simulcast wagering pursuant to said chapter 128C in calendar year 2011,  
3291 shall remain licensed as greyhound racing meeting licensees until July 31, 2014; provided,  
3292 however, that the days between January 1 and July 31 of each year shall be dark days pursuant to  
3293 said chapter 128C and the licensees shall continue to be precluded from conducting live racing  
3294 during that period and as provided in chapter 388 of the acts of 2008; provided further, that all

3295 simulcasts shall comply with the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 et  
3296 seq. or other applicable federal law; provided further, that all simulcasts from states which have  
3297 racing associations that do not require approval in compliance with the Interstate Horse Racing  
3298 Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 3004 (a) (1) (A), except simulcasts during the month of August,  
3299 shall require the approval of the New England Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective  
3300 Association prior to being simulcast to a racing meeting licensee within the commonwealth; and  
3301 provided further, that if the association agrees to approve the simulcast for 1 racing meeting  
3302 licensee, it shall approve the simulcast for all otherwise eligible racing meeting licensees.

3303 SECTION 91. (a) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
3304 Gaming Licensing Fund which shall receive all licensing fees collected from applicants in  
3305 receipt of a category 1 or category 2 license under chapter 23K of the General Laws. The fund  
3306 shall expire on December 31, 2015. The commission shall be the trustee of the fund and shall  
3307 transfer monies in the fund as follows:

3308 (1) 5 per cent to the Race Horse Development Fund established in section 60 of chapter 23K  
3309 of the General Laws.

3310 (2) 10 per cent to the Community Mitigation Fund established in section 61 of chapter 23K  
3311 of the General Laws.

3312 (3) 14.5 per cent to the Transportation Infrastructure and Development Fund established in  
3313 section 62 of chapter 23K of the General Laws.

3314 (4) 1.5 per cent to the Tourism Fund established in section 35J of chapter 10 of the General  
3315 Laws.

3316 (5) 5 per cent shall be remitted to the comptroller for deposit into the Local Aid Stabilization  
3317 Fund, established in section 2CCCC of chapter 29 of the General Laws;

3318 (6) 9 per cent to the Local Capital Projects Fund established in section 2EEEE of chapter 29  
3319 of the General Laws.

3320 (7) 13 per cent to the Manufacturing Fund established in section 96.

3321 (8) 17 per cent to the Community College Fund established in section 97.

3322 (9) 23 per cent to the Healthcare Payment Reform Fund established in section 99.

3323 (10) 2 per cent to the Community Preservation Fund.

3324 (b) Upon receipt by the Massachusetts gaming commission of license fees from licensees,  
3325 interim transfers and payments shall be made on a pro rata basis from the Gaming Licensing  
3326 Fund as provided in clauses (1) and (2) of subsection (a); provided, however, that no transfer or  
3327 payment under said clauses (1) and (2) of said subsection (a) shall occur until the fund  
3328 reimburses \$20,000,000 to the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund as required by subsection (c)  
3329 of section 92 of this act.

3330 SECTION 92. (a) Within 30 days after the effective date of this act, the comptroller shall transfer  
3331 \$15,000,000 from the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29  
3332 of the General Laws to the Massachusetts gaming commission for the start-up and operational  
3333 costs of implementing chapter 23K of the General Laws.

3334 (b) Within 10 days after the effective date of this act, the comptroller shall transfer  
3335 \$5,000,000, from the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29  
3336 of the General Laws to the General Fund.

3337 (c) Upon receipt by the Massachusetts gaming commission of sufficient license fees from  
3338 licensees under chapter 23K of the General Laws, the commission shall transfer \$20,000,000 to  
3339 the Commonwealth Stabilization Fund established in section 2H of chapter 29 of the General  
3340 Laws.

3341 SECTION 93. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the second fiscal  
3342 year in which a deposit is made into the Gaming Local Aid Fund under clause (e) of paragraph  
3343 (2) of section 59 of chapter 23K the General Laws, the commission shall transfer from the  
3344 Gaming Local Aid Fund into the Local Aid Stabilization Fund an amount equal to 3.125 per cent  
3345 of the gross gaming revenue received from a category 1 establishment. In the third fiscal year in  
3346 which a deposit is made into the Gaming Local Aid Fund under said clause (e) of said paragraph  
3347 (2) of said section 59 of said chapter 23K, the commission shall transfer from the Gaming Local  
3348 Aid Fund into the Local Aid Stabilization Fund an amount equal to 6.25 per cent of the gross  
3349 gaming revenue received from a category 1 establishment. In the fourth fiscal year in which a  
3350 deposit is made into the Gaming Local Aid Fund under said clause (e) of said paragraph (2) of  
3351 said section 59 of said chapter 23K, the commissioner shall transfer from Gaming Local Aid  
3352 Fund into the Local Aid Stabilization Fund an amount equal to 9.375 per cent of the gross  
3353 gaming revenue received from a category 1 establishment. In the fifth fiscal year in which a  
3354 deposit is made into the Gaming Local Aid Fund under said clause (e) of said paragraph (2) of  
3355 said section 59 of said chapter 23K and in all subsequent fiscal years, the commission shall  
3356 transfer from the Gaming Local Aid Fund into the Local Aid Stabilization Fund an amount equal  
3357 to 12.5 per cent of the gross gaming revenue received from a category 1 establishment.

3358 SECTION 94. The governing body of a host community which has accepted chapter 43D of the  
3359 General Laws shall file a proposal with the interagency permitting board to designate the site

3360 proposed for a category 1 establishment as a priority development site. In a community which  
3361 has not accepted said chapter 43D, the planning board shall designate a local permitting  
3362 ombudsman, who shall be a planning board member of the host community or a member of the  
3363 host community planning board's professional staff, to help coordinate and expedite local  
3364 permitting of the category 1 establishment.

3365 SECTION 95. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, a  
3366 gaming establishment shall supply the Massachusetts gaming commission, hereinafter the  
3367 commission, with customer tracking data collected or generated by loyalty programs, player  
3368 tracking software, player card systems, online gambling transactions or any other information  
3369 system. The commission shall contract with an experienced nonprofit research entity to develop  
3370 an anonymizing system that automatically removes from the data: (a) personally identifying  
3371 information, including player name, street address, bank or credit information and the last 4  
3372 digits of a player's zip code, in compliance with section 2 of chapter 93H of the General Laws;  
3373 and (b) game identifying information, including game name and device manufacturing company,  
3374 in protection of corporate intellectual property. The data shall retain information on player  
3375 characteristics including, but not limited to, gender, age and region of residence, player behavior  
3376 including, but not limited to, frequency of play, length of play, speed of play, denomination of  
3377 play, amounts wagered and, if applicable, number of lines or hands played and characteristics of  
3378 games played including, but not limited to, reel configuration, return-to-player or RTP, volatility  
3379 index and denomination. The commission shall convey the anonymized data to a research  
3380 facility which shall make the data available to qualified researchers for the purposes of: (1)  
3381 conducting analyses that improve understanding of how gambling addiction develops and  
3382 progresses; (2) developing evidence-based harm minimization strategies; and (3) developing

3383 evidence-based systems to monitor, detect and intervene in high-risk gambling. The commission  
3384 shall request reports on researcher analyses of the behavioral data, which could provided  
3385 informed recommendation to the general court relative to more effective regulation of gambling  
3386 operations. The commission may directly initiate studies assessing the effectiveness of any  
3387 specific measures, programs or interventions which the commonwealth has implemented in  
3388 gaming operations and which might be illuminated through the behavioral data in question.

3389 SECTION 96. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
3390 Manufacturing Fund. The fund shall be credited with any monies transferred under section 91  
3391 and any monies credited or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source and shall be  
3392 subject to appropriation.

3393 SECTION 97. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
3394 Community College Fund. The fund shall be credited with any monies transferred under section  
3395 91 and any monies credited or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source and shall be  
3396 subject to appropriation.

3397 SECTION 98. There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a  
3398 Healthcare Payment Reform Fund. The fund shall be credited with any monies transferred under  
3399 section 91 and any monies credited or transferred to the fund from any other fund or source and  
3400 shall be subject to appropriation.

3401 SECTION 99. Pursuant to section 2 of chapter 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, 15 U.S.C. 1171-1177,  
3402 entitled "An act to prohibit transportation of gaming devices in interstate and foreign  
3403 commerce", approved January 2, 1951, the commonwealth, acting by and through its duly  
3404 elected and qualified members of the general court, hereby declares and proclaims that it shall be



3405 exempt from the provisions of chapter 1194, 64 Stat. 1134, and also designated as 15 U.S.C. 117  
3406 -1178 for any gambling device authorized for use and transport under chapter 23K of the General  
3407 Laws and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

3408 SECTION 100. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all shipments of  
3409 gambling devices into the commonwealth, including slot machines, the registering, recording and  
3410 labeling of which has been duly had by the manufacturer or dealer thereof in accordance with  
3411 sections 3 and 4 of “An act to prohibit transportation of gambling devices in interstate and  
3412 foreign commerce,” 15 USC §§ 1171-1177, shall be deemed legal shipments thereof into the  
3413 commonwealth.

3414 SECTION 101. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts  
3415 gaming commission shall analyze the laws relating to charitable gaming, raffles and bazaars in  
3416 effect on the effective date of this act, including section 7A of chapter 271. The analysis shall  
3417 include a review of the efficacy of those laws and the need to update, redraft or repeal said laws.  
3418 The commission shall report its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of  
3419 legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the  
3420 clerks of the senate and house of representatives and with the house and senate chairs of the joint  
3421 committee on economic development and emerging technologies not later than April 1, 2012.

3422 SECTION 102. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Massachusetts  
3423 gaming commission, established by chapter 23K of the General Laws, shall analyze the pari-  
3424 mutuel and simulcasting laws in effect on the effective date of this act. The analysis shall include  
3425 a review of the efficacy of those laws and the need to replace those laws pursuant to the  
3426 continuation of chapters 128A and 128C of the General Laws in this act. The analysis shall not

3427 address whether to increase the number of running horse, harness horse or greyhound racing  
3428 meeting licensees in the commonwealth. The commission shall report its findings and  
3429 recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry those recommendations  
3430 into effect, by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and with  
3431 the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on economic development and emerging  
3432 technologies not later than January 1, 2013.

3433 SECTION 103. The first report required under section 71 of chapter 23K shall be submitted not  
3434 later than 2 years after the effective date of this act.

3435 SECTION 103A. Sections 4, 11, 12, 13, 37, 39 and section 7 of chapter 23K shall take effect 180  
3436 days after the effective date of this act.

3437 SECTION 104. Clause 41 of section 4 of chapter 23K shall take effect on July 31, 2012.

3438 SECTION 105. Section 17 shall take effect on July 31, 2014.

3439 SECTION 106. Section 31 shall be effective for tax years beginning January 1, 2012.

3440 SECTION 107. Section 32 shall take effect on December 31, 2018.

3441 SECTION 108. Sections 38 and 40 shall take effect on July 31, 2014.

3442 SECTION 109. Subsection (a) of Section 85 shall take effect April 1, 2012.

3443 SECTION 110. The Massachusetts gaming commission shall, in consultation with the state  
3444 lottery commission, establish a committee to analyze and develop recommendations and model  
3445 legislation with respect to the issuance and implementation of internet poker licenses. The  
3446 committee, in addition to members of the Massachusetts gaming commission and the state lottery

3447 commission, shall include: 2 members appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member  
3448 appointed by the minority leader of the house; 2 members appointed by the senate president; and  
3449 1 member appointed by the minority leader of the senate; provided, however, that the  
3450 recommendations and model legislation shall include an analysis of applicable federal and state  
3451 law. The committee shall report its findings and recommendations, together with drafts of  
3452 legislation necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the  
3453 clerks of the senate and house of representatives and with the house and senate chairs of the joint  
3454 committee on economic development and emerging technologies not later than July 31, 2012.

3455 SECTION 111. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary  
3456 for the purposes of chapter 62, gross revenue or gross gaming revenue as defined in chapter 23K  
3457 of the General Laws shall be considered budgeted fund state tax revenue, regardless of the type  
3458 of fund into which the revenues are deposited; provided, however, that monies received by the  
3459 commonwealth as the result of a revenue sharing agreement between the commonwealth and a  
3460 federally recognized tribe set forth in a negotiated compact shall not be considered budgeted  
3461 fund state tax revenue.

3462 SECTION 112. The commissioner of revenue, in consultation with the commissioner of  
3463 education, and the treasurer and receiver general of the commonwealth shall report to the general  
3464 court on the following matters: 1) the primary sources of current and recent funding for each  
3465 major program of state assistance to the cities, towns, and school districts of the commonwealth;  
3466 including, but not limited to lottery aid, unrestricted general government assistance, PILOT  
3467 payments for state owned land, and major aid programs in support of local education and  
3468 transportation. Where feasible, those amounts and sources of funding shall be disaggregated by  
3469 city and town, 2) the net dollar relationship between distributions to cities, towns, and school

3470 districts under each of the programs reviewed and the primary sources of funding that support  
3471 them, 3) the prospective cost and feasibility of establishing equitable minimum and maximum  
3472 distribution targets based on criteria including, but not limited to, population, real estate values,  
3473 mean income level of the municipality as compared to the state mean income level and poverty  
3474 levels based on relative criteria including, but not limited to, students qualifying for free and  
3475 reduced lunch programs and mean age levels of residents for each program based on the  
3476 disaggregated source of funding for each program; and 4) any potential alternative sources of  
3477 funding to establish such equitable minimum target aid levels; including the Gaming Local Aid  
3478 Fund and the Local Aid Stabilization Fund, created under the provisions of this Act. Said report  
3479 shall be filed by the commissioner of revenue with the clerks of the house and senate by July 31,  
3480 2012.

3481 Prior to any distribution of gaming revenues from the Gaming Local Aid Fund and the Local Aid  
3482 Stabilization Fund, the legislature shall review the report and adopt an equitable distribution  
3483 program for the Gaming Local Aid Fund and Local Aid Stabilization Fund.