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HOUSE . . . . . No. 310

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Antonio F. D. Cabral

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:

An Act to equalize gaming opportunities statewide.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*

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HOUSE . . . . . No. 310

By Mr. Cabral of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 310) of Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to the prequalifying of applicants for licensing by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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An Act to equalize gaming opportunities statewide.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, if any of the following has not occurred: 1) a mutually agreed-upon compact has been signed by the governor and Indian tribe; 2) said compact has been approved by the general court; 3) said compact has received final approval from the United States Department of the Interior; and 4) the United States Department of the Interior has taken land into trust on behalf of the tribe, then the Massachusetts Gaming Commission shall complete a prequalification process for applicants for a category 1 license in region C, as defined by Section 19(a) of chapter 23K of the general laws as appearing in the 2010 official edition, in sufficient time in order to issue a request for applications to prequalified applicants for a category 1 license in region C not later than the Commission issues a request for applications to prequalified applicants for category 1 licenses in either region A or B. The Commission shall render its final determination on applications from prequalified applicants for category 1 licenses in region C no later than it renders its final determinations on applications from prequalified applicants for category 1 licenses in either region A or B. The Commission shall issue a category 1 license in each region in which a prequalified applicant has met the minimum requirements contained in said chapter.