

HOUSE No. 4063

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act regarding gambling establishments..

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

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

6 size of the casino

7 location of the casino

8 allotment and distribution of revenues generated by the casino establishment

9 additional benefits the host community will receive from the casino

10 local approval of proposed host community or communities

11 Further, the location of any gambling establishment must be approved by the
12 Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Native American tribes, the community within which

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

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