

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 310**

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**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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to equalize gaming opportunities statewide.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>1/18/2013</i>

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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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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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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:*

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