

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2495**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kimberly N. Ferguson***

*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 relative to certain taxpayer protections regarding casino gaming.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>

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By Mrs. Ferguson of Holden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2495) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others relative to the tax on gross gaming revenues, the waiting period for certain former public officials to be employed by gaming licensees and the prohibiting of financial assistance from state funds for gaming licensees. Revenue.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2504 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to certain taxpayer protections regarding casino gaming.

*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. Section 16 of chapter 194 of the acts of 2011 is hereby amended in section  
2   55 of proposed chapter 23k, by adding the following subsection:- "(e) The commission shall not  
3   authorize a daily tax rate for any gaming license that is lower than the rates established in  
4   subsections (a) and (b) of this section as of the original effective date of this act.”

5           SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no gaming  
6   licensee, affiliate, or close associate, or subsidiary of a gaming licensee, as defined by section 2  
7   of chapter 23K, shall be eligible for or receive a financial assistance using taxpayer dollars from  
8   the Commonwealth.