

HOUSE No. 3927

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

INITIATIVE PETITION OF AMY LINDSEY LANIGAN AND OTHERS.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY.

BOSTON, JANUARY 6, 2016.

Steven T. James

Clerk of the House of Representatives

State House

Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Sir: - I herewith transmit to you, in accordance with the requirements of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, an Initiative Petition for An Act Relative to Expanded Gaming, signed by ten qualified voters and filed with this department on or before December 2, 2015, together with additional signatures of qualified voters in the number of 74,521, being a sufficient number to comply with the Provisions of said Article.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,

Secretary of the Commonwealth.

AN INITIATIVE PETITION.

Pursuant to Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, as amended, the undersigned qualified voters of the Commonwealth, ten in number at least, hereby petition for the enactment into law of the following measure:

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act Relative to Expanded Gaming.

Be it enacted by the People, and by their authority, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of Section 8 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The commission shall issue a request for
4 applications for category 1 and category 2 licenses.

5 SECTION 2. Section 20 of said Chapter 23K of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
6 hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

7 (g) Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the
8 commission may issue 1 additional category 2 license; provided, however, that the additional
9 category 2 license shall only be issued to applicants who are qualified under the criteria set forth
10 in this chapter as determined by the commission and that the additional category 2 license meet
11 the following additional qualification:

12 (1) The proposed location of the gaming establishment shall be at least 4 acres large, and
13 shall be adjacent to, and within 1500 feet of, a race track, including the track, grounds, paddocks,

14 barns, auditorium, amphitheatre and/or bleachers, if any, where a horse racing meeting may
15 physically be held, which race track shall have hosted a horse racing meeting, provided that said
16 location is not separated from said race track by a highway or railway.

FIRST TEN SIGNERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>	<u>CITY OR TOWN</u>
Amy Lindsey Lanigan	20 Cedar Hill Road	Dover
David F. Barry	39 Gunrock Avenue	Hull
Marcy L. McCain-Busch	700 Chestnut Street	Needham
Robert D. Lanigan	20 Cedar Hill Road	Dover
Stephen Hill	91 Hillside Avenue	West Springfield
Kim Donnellan	46 Brookline Avenue	Hull
Lauren K. Werman	893 Dewey Street	West Springfield
Barbara A. Averill	40 Bates Street	Hull
Sherry R. Cox	8 Taylor Lane	Dover
Christina M. Hill	91 Hillside Avenue	West Springfield

CERTIFICATE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

September 2, 2015.

Honorable William Francis Galvin
Secretary of the Commonwealth
One Ashburton Place, Room 1705
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

RE: Initiative Petition No. 15-34: An Act Relative to Expanded Gaming.

Dear Secretary Galvin:

I accordance with the provisions of Article 48 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, I have reviewed the above-referenced initiative petition, which was submitted to me on or before the first Wednesday of August of this year.

I hereby certify that this measure is in proper form for submission to the people; that the measure is not, either affirmatively or negatively, substantially the same as any measure which has been qualified for submission or submitted to the people at either of the two preceding biennial state elections; and that it contains only subjects that are related or are mutually dependent and which are not excluded from the initiative process pursuant to Article 48, the Initiative, Part 2, Section 2.

In accordance with Article 48, I enclose a fair, concise summary of the measure.

Sincerely,

MAURA HEALEY,
Attorney General.

Summary of 15-34.

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines.

The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.