

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley, (BY REQUEST)

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 prohibiting gaming establishments within school zones.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul R. Kearney, Jr.</i>		<i>9/1/2015</i>

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul R. Kearney, Jr. for legislation to prohibit the locating of gaming establishments within school zones. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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

An Act prohibiting gaming establishments within school zones.

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 2 of chapter 23K of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition “Rewards card” the
3 following definition:-

4 “School zone”, a geographical radius of 1,325 feet of any portion of the real property
5 comprising a public or private accredited preschool, accredited headstart facility, elementary,
6 vocational, or secondary school.

7 SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
8 inserting after clause (12) the following clause:-

9 (12½) assure that a license shall not be issued for a gaming establishment located within a
10 school zone.

11 SECTION 3. Section 9 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
12 striking out clause (15) of subsection (a) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

13 (15) the location of the proposed gaming establishment, which shall include the address,
14 maps, book and page numbers from the appropriate registry of deeds or certificate number from
15 the appropriate land court, assessed value of the land at the time of application and ownership
16 interests over the past 20 years, including all interests, options, agreements in property and
17 demographic, geographic and environmental information and any other information requested by
18 the commission; provided, however, that no gaming establishment shall be located within a
19 school zone.

20 SECTION 4. Section 15 of said chapter 23K, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
21 inserting after the word “chapter”, in line 22, the following words:- ; and provided, that no such
22 land shall be located within a school zone.