

SENATE No. 1176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 clarify the site assignment process.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Bristol

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1176) of Thomas P. Kennedy for legislation to clarify the site assignment process. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1037 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act to clarify the site assignment process.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 143, the following new section:-

3 Section 143A. No assignment shall be required pursuant to the first paragraph of this
4 section for parades, public gathering, or sporting events which do not involve motorized racing,
5 where such parade, public gathering, or sporting event which does not involve motorized racing
6 would not require an assignment but for the sound resulting from the conduct of the parade,
7 public gathering, or sporting event which does not involve motorized racing, as long as all
8 otherwise necessary local permits have been issued for such parade, public gathering, or
9 sporting event which does not involve motorized racing.

10 Notwithstanding any other provision of the General Laws, sound emitted from parades,
11 public gatherings, or sporting events which do not involve motorized racing shall not be
12 considered a nuisance or a condition of air pollution.

13 This amendment definitively defines the term “sporting event” in Massachusetts
14 Department of Environmental Protection regulation 310 CMR 7.1 (3) (a) as a sporting event
15 which does not include motorized racing.

16 Seekonk Speedway opened on May 30, 1946 predating the DEP Noise regulations and is
17 therefore exempt from this regulation.

18 This act shall not prohibit a city or town from adopting by-laws or ordinances relative to
19 noise or air pollution nor regulating competitive motorized racing events in such a city or town.