

SENATE No. 229

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 creating a special commission on sports gaming.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/29/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 229) of Bruce E. Tarr and Marc R. Pacheco for legislation to create a special commission on sports gaming. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act creating a special commission on sports 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby
2 established a Special Commission on Sports Gaming, the purpose of which shall be to consider
3 and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of authorizing sports betting in the
4 Commonwealth, potential statutory and regulatory structures and methodologies for so doing,
5 potential types and amounts of assessment or taxation of such activities, and any and all other
6 relevant issues.

7 Said commission shall conduct a comprehensive review of sports betting including, but
8 not limited to: economic development, consumer protection, taxation, legal and regulatory
9 structures, burdens and benefits to the commonwealth and any other factors the commission
10 deems relevant.

11 SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of 11 members: 3 members appointed by the
12 Governor with industry expertise in gaming and sports betting; the Attorney General or designee;
13 The Treasurer or designee; the Secretary of Public Safety or designee; 1 member who shall be
14 appointed by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission; 2 members who shall be appointed by the
15 President of the Senate, 1 member who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;
16 2 members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and 1
17 member who shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. The
18 commission shall elect a chair at its first meeting.

19 SECTION 3. The Commission shall submit a report to the legislature including any
20 recommendations and drafts of legislation it may deem necessary to carry out such
21 recommendations into effect, by filing same with the clerk of the Senate and of the House of
22 Representatives, as well as the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and
23 Emerging Technologies within 180 days of the passage of this act.