

HOUSE No. 448

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds

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 concerning horse racing within the town of Great Barrington.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>

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By Representative Pignatelli of Lenox and Senator Hinds, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 448) of Smitty Pignatelli and Adam G. Hinds (by vote of the town) relative to horse racing within the town of Great Barrington. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. [Local Approval Received.]

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4272 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act concerning horse racing within the town of Great Barrington.

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. The purpose of this legislation is to ensure that the citizens of Great
2 Barrington have the opportunity to decide whether the long abandoned practice of horse racing in
3 their town shall return.

4 SECTION 2. For purposes of this act, “horse racing” shall mean every meeting where
5 horses are raced and where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of horses
6 shall be permitted.

7 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 128A, section 13A, M.G.L. c.
8 271, section 33, nor any other general or special law to the contrary, there shall be no license
9 granted by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission nor any other state or local Commission or

10 agency, for horse racing within the Town of Great Barrington, unless or until the Citizens of said
11 Town shall approve such license and the resumption of horse racing in said Town at an annual
12 town meeting and confirmed by a majority vote ballot in said Town.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

14 or otherwise act thereon.