

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2978**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bud L. Williams***

*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 relative to payments of property taxes and payments made in lieu of property taxes for certain gaming licensees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/14/2023</i>

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By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2978) of Bud L. Williams relative to payments of property taxes and payments made in lieu of property taxes for certain gaming licensees. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3095 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to payments of property taxes and payments made in lieu of property taxes for certain gaming licensees.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 23K of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 SECTION 72. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all revenue  
3 received by a municipality from a category 1 licensee in the form of property tax payments  
4 pursuant to chapters 59 and 60 or payments made in lieu of taxes pursuant to a community host  
5 agreement or a contract or agreement executed pursuant to chapter 121A between the  
6 municipality and the category 1 licensee shall be expended equally among all the wards or  
7 precincts of that municipality to fund projects that provide for public safety facilities and  
8 personnel; promote economic development; or, improve infrastructure within each particular  
9 ward or precinct of that municipality.

10           Annually, the Mayor shall present to the City Council a specific line item appropriation  
11 pursuant to SECTION 72 for each of the Wards of the municipality for the public services  
12 contained within.