

SENATE No. 240

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 establishing a standardized problem gambling disclaimer and helpline.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	
<i>Pavel M. Payano</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>11/25/2025</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 240) of Paul R. Feeney and Adam J. Scanlon for legislation to establish a standardized problem gambling disclaimer and helpline. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing a standardized problem gambling disclaimer and helpline.

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 3 of Chapter 23K of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (z) The Commission shall, in consultation with the Massachusetts Department of Public
4 Health’s Office of Problem Gambling Services, the Lottery Commission, established pursuant to
5 Section 23 of Chapter 10, and the Office of the Attorney General, shall establish a single
6 standardized disclaimer that 1) warns of the risks of gambling, sportsbetting, and playing the
7 lottery, and 2) contains a single phone number for the MA Gambling Helpline, and 3) provides
8 means to locate other resources made available by the state to help with problem gambling and
9 gambling addiction. The Commission shall promulgate regulations to require their licensees
10 their licensees’ contractors to use the standardized disclaimer in all advertising.

11 SECTION 2. Section 24 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
12 amended by adding the following words:- "The Lottery Commission shall include the

- 13 standardized disclaimer, established pursuant to subsection (z) of Section 3 of Chapter 23K, in
- 14 all its advertisements for lottery products."