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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlo Basile and Anthony W. Petruccelli

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act authorizing the State Racing Commission to increase, decrease, or suspend the live racing requirements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*
Anthony W. Petruccelli	
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By Mr. Basile of Boston and Senator Petruccelli, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1036) of Carlo Basile and Anthony W. Petruccelli relative to the simulcasting of live races. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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An Act authorizing the State Racing Commission to increase, decrease, or suspend the live racing requirements.

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

Section 2 of Chapter 128C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth and fifth paragraphs and inserting in place thereof the following paragraphs:-

No racing meeting licensee, whether acting as a guest track or host track, shall simulcast live races unless the licensee conducts a full schedule of live racing performances during a racing season except that, if the commission determines that a licensee cannot conduct a full schedule of live racing performances due to weather conditions, race track conditions, strikes, work stoppages, sickness or quarantine not within the control of the licensee, the commission may permit the licensee to continue simulcasting and, if it appears that a racing meeting licensee is or will become unable to conduct a full schedule of live racing performances, the commission shall suspend such right to simulcast until the licensee conducts or resumes a full schedule of live racing performances; provided, however, that no racing meeting licensee shall simulcast live races in any racing season unless the racing meeting licensee is licensed to and actually conducts at least 900 live races over the course of not less than 100 calendar days during that racing season with no fewer than 7 races completed on any of those 100 calendar days; provided, further, that if on petition of a racing meeting licensee the commission determines, for any reason and in the exercise of its discretion, that the licensee should be permitted to continue simulcasting without satisfying the live racing conditions set forth in this paragraph, it may increase or decrease the minimum number of live races or the minimum number of days of live racing required to continue simulcasting or it may suspend the live racing conditions in their entirety.

All simulcasts shall comply with the provisions of the Interstate Horse Racing Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 et seq. or other applicable federal law.