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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 to allow gaming at certain organziations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	*12th Worcester*

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1904) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr. for legislation to authorize gaming at certain veterans' organziations. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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An Act to allow gaming at certain organziations.

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

Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:—

Section 21. A veterans' organization incorporated or chartered by the Congress of the United States, which is a fraternal benefit society, as defined in section 1 of chapter 176, and desiring to conduct video poker games with which prizes are offered, upon application

to the state gaming commission may be granted a license to conduct the games.

The fee for the license shall be determined annually by the state gaming commission, and the proceeds of the fees shall be paid to the state gaming commission and shall be used by the state gaming commission to defray the cost of administering this section.

An organization licensed under this section to conduct the games shall operate, manage and control the games in compliance with regulations as established by the state's gaming commission. Only licensed gaming operators or licensed coin operated machine vendors that have been domiciled in the commonwealth for a period of 5 years may apply for selling, distributing and maintaining approved video poker machines.

The profits of a game licensed to be conducted under this section shall be the property of the organization conducting the game in order to fulfill their mission statement; provided, however, that 5 per cent of the profits shall be paid over to the commonwealth on a monthly basis and deposited into the State's General Fund to be dispensed to the Department of Veterans Services.