

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

*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 bill:

An Act to study and expand charitable gaming.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Morrissey, Michael (SEN)	Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00209 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT TO STUDY AND EXPAND CHARITABLE GAMING.**

*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. Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2 by inserting after section 39A the following:-

3   Section 39B.   The commission shall by July 31 of each year complete a report which reviews  
4 the effectiveness of the commonwealth's charitable gaming program, which includes, but is not  
5 limited to, beano, bazaars, pull tabs, poker, Texas hold'em, so-called, and raffles; provided, that,  
6 said study and review shall include information about the number and types of organizations that  
7 conduct charitable gaming, the number of the different types of charitable gaming authorized, the  
8 amount and types of prizes awarded on each type of charitable gaming, the amount of revenue  
9 the commonwealth receives from charitable gaming, the types and amounts collected in  
10 charitable gaming in surrounding states, the impact charitable gaming has on charitable  
11 organizations and the communities they are located in, the impact of out of state gaming on in-

12 state charitable gaming, the impact on compulsive gaming or other possible negative community  
13 effects, and provide regulatory and legislative recommendations on whether to improve and  
14 expand the program. The commission may implement rules and regulations to modify the  
15 current charitable gaming program under the law, which may include, but is not limited to, the  
16 licensure process, changing the prize structure, establishing days and hours of operation, defining  
17 and setting rules for the charitable games, establishing a licensure system for individuals  
18 operating charitable games, promulgating information to charitable organizations and municipal  
19 licensing boards, providing technical assistance to charitable organizations, setting licensing fees  
20 and establishing penalties for violations of the rules and regulations. The commission shall  
21 submit said report, changes to the rules and regulations, and recommendations for legislative  
22 changes to the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means and Joint Committee on  
23 Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure by August 15 of each year.