

Massachusetts House of Representatives Approves Expanded Gaming

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By an overwhelming veto-proof vote of 120 to 37, the Massachusetts House of Representatives approved the expanded gaming bill (H4591) filed by Speaker Robert DeLeo. In addition to establishing two destination resort casinos, the legislation authorizes 750 slot machines at each of the Commonwealth's four racetracks.

A portion of gaming revenue generated at each racetrack will be pooled and distributed to enhance purses at the two racetracks authorized to conduct live racing; Suffolk Downs (thoroughbred) and Plainridge (harness). The other two racetracks (greyhound) have been prohibited from conducting live racing since December 31, 2009.

The legislation will now move forward to the Massachusetts Senate for consideration. If approved by the Senate, the legislation will be presented to the Governor for his consideration.

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