

# Secretary O'Connell Announces Receipt Of Analysis On Expanded Gaming In Commonwealth

## Comprehensive Independent Report Addresses Economic Impacts, Employment, Social Costs

BOSTON- Thursday, August 7, 2008 - The Commonwealth's Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development today announced its receipt of an expanded gaming analysis prepared by Spectrum Gaming Group.

Secretary of Housing and Economic Development Daniel O'Connell was directed to obtain an independent and comprehensive analysis of the potential impact of expanded gaming in the Commonwealth, following Governor Deval Patrick's proposal last September to authorize up to three destination resort casinos in Massachusetts

"I believe that this analysis will prove valuable for future policy deliberations if and when the issue of expanded gaming in Massachusetts re-emerges," said Secretary O'Connell. "The analysis provides a comprehensive response to the many thoughtful questions raised by legislators and other interested groups, and reflects the integrity and financial expertise for which Spectrum Gaming is widely regarded."

Spectrum Gaming Group is an independent research and professional services firm, which does work on behalf of government agencies around the world. Following an open and competitive bidding process, the company received an \$189,000 contract in February 2008. The analysis prepared by Spectrum Gaming contains information relating to economic impacts, employment and wage analysis, social impacts and gaming regulation.

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