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By Mr. Doyle of Worcester, petition of Edward M. Gallagher for legislation to regulate further the submission to the people of questions relating to the granting of licenses for racing meetings. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT FURTHER TO REGULATE THE SUBMISSION TO THE PEOPLE OF QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO THE GRANTING OF LICENSES FOR RACING MEETINGS.

*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 fourteen of chapter one hundred and twenty-  
2 eight A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
3 inserting as a new paragraph at the end of said section  
4 fourteen the following: —

5 The state secretary shall not cause to be placed on  
6 the official ballot to be used at any biennial state elec-  
7 tion, the questions provided for in this section, if on  
8 the same ballot the state secretary is submitting to  
9 the people an initiative or referendum petition provid-  
10 ing for the repeal of pari mutuel betting at either horse  
11 or dog racing or both, under the provisions of article  
12 forty-eight of the articles of amendment to the consti-  
13 tution of Massachusetts. If the vote on said initiative  
14 or referendum petition shall be in favor of the continu-

15 ance of pari-mutuel betting, then the state secretary  
16 shall cause the questions provided for in this section  
17 to be placed upon the official ballot in every fourth  
18 year thereafter except as an initiative or referendum  
19 petition providing for the repeal of pari mutuel betting  
20 shall be submitted to the people at the same election.  
21 The intent of the foregoing is that an initiative or  
22 referendum petition for the repeal of pari mutuel  
23 betting at either horse or dog racing or both shall not  
24 appear upon the same official ballot on which the  
25 questions provided for in this section are submitted  
26 to the people.