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By Mr. Kahalas of Boston (by request), petition of Gladys Shapiro that the State Racing Commission be authorized to license wagering establishments for the purpose of taking wagers on the results of horse or dog races. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

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### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH LEGAL WAGERING ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER A LICENSE SYSTEM.

*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. The racing commission of the com-  
2 monwealth of Massachusetts may grant licenses for  
3 wagering establishments for the purpose of taking  
4 wagers on the results of horse or dog races to appli-  
5 cants therefor who are citizens and residents of the  
6 commonwealth, or to partnerships composed solely  
7 of such citizens and residents. No person, firm or  
8 partnership, association or any other combination of  
9 persons, directly or indirectly, by or through any  
10 agent, employer, or other person or any subsidiary  
11 whatsoever, shall be granted more than one license  
12 in the commonwealth, and any person who has any  
13 interest, directly or indirectly, in one license, may not  
14 be permitted to participate in the benefits of any  
15 other license. Each license application shall describe

16 the premises to which it applies and not more than  
17 one location shall be included in the premises to which  
18 it applies and any rights or privileges granted under  
19 such license may be exercised only on the premises  
20 so licensed.

1 SECTION 2. Within ten days after the receipt of  
2 an application for such license, the commission shall  
3 cause a notice thereof to be published at the expense  
4 of the applicant in two newspapers in the city or  
5 town in which the premises whereon the license is  
6 intended to be exercised are situated and in one news-  
7 paper in the county, and if there is no newspaper in  
8 the city or town, then in three newspapers in the  
9 said county. The notice shall set forth the name of  
10 the applicant in full, his residence and a description  
11 of the premises on which the license is intended to  
12 be exercised. No license shall be acted upon by the  
13 commission until ten days after the publication  
14 thereof. If any citizen of the commonwealth makes  
15 any complaint or objection to the granting of such  
16 license, the commission shall hold a public hearing  
17 to determine whether said license shall be granted.  
18 Notice of such proposed hearing shall be published  
19 in one newspaper in the city or town in which the  
20 license is intended to be exercised, or, if there is no  
21 newspaper in said city or town, in one newspaper in  
22 the county, at least five days before such hearing is  
23 held.

1 SECTION 3. Every licensee under this act shall be  
2 required to post a bond in such sum or sums as may  
3 be determined by the commission to insure the proper  
4 performance of the rights and privileges granted  
5 under such act.

1 SECTION 4. Every employee of licensees under this  
2 act shall be required to obtain a license from the  
3 commission and no employee's license may be granted  
4 to any person who has been convicted of any viola-  
5 tions of the laws of the commonwealth or of the  
6 United States.

1 SECTION 5. Regulations for the operation of such  
2 wagering establishments which may be licensed under  
3 this act shall be made by the racing commission and  
4 approved by the governor and council. The com-  
5 mission shall regulate the hours of opening and closing,  
6 the kind and nature of equipment which may be used  
7 on the premises, the manner and method by which  
8 wagers may be taken, the amount of tax which may  
9 be deducted by the commonwealth on such wagers,  
10 the method by which said tax shall be computed and  
11 deducted and any and all other regulations which the  
12 commission shall deem meet and proper and necessary  
13 for the protection of the public welfare. The com-  
14 mission shall have the power to revoke or suspend the  
15 license of any wagering establishment for the violation  
16 or any of the regulations imposed by it. Any licensee  
17 who is charged with any violation of any of the  
18 regulations so imposed is entitled to notice thereof  
19 and an opportunity to be heard before the commission.  
20 Any person who is aggrieved by a decision of the  
21 racing commission may have the right of appeal to  
22 the superior court.

1 SECTION 6. The annual license fee for each license  
2 for a wagering establishment under this act shall be not  
3 less than five thousand dollars. The annual license  
4 fee for each employee of a wagering establishment  
5 under this act shall be not less than twenty-five dollars.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the various branches of industry and commerce. It is found that the country has made considerable progress in all these respects since the last report. The population has increased, and the various branches of industry and commerce have all shown a marked increase in activity. The progress of the various branches of industry and commerce is as follows:

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