

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1245

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By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition of John J. Devlin for legislation to license a game called bingo. Government Regulations.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

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### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BINGO LICENSING LAW.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 It shall be lawful for the governing body of any municipality, at any time after this act shall become operative  
2 within such municipality and except when prohibited by this  
3 act, to license bona fide organizations or associations of  
4 veterans of any war in which the United States has been  
5 engaged, churches or religious congregations, charitable,  
6 educational and fraternal organizations, to hold and operate  
7 games of chance of, and restricted to, the specific kind of  
8 games of chance commonly known as bingo or lotto played  
9 for prizes with cards bearing numbers or other designations,  
10 five or more in one line, the holder covering numbers, as  
11 objects, similarly numbered, are drawn from a receptacle and  
12 the game being won by the person who first covers a  
13 previously designated arrangement of numbers on such a  
14 card, by selling shares or tickets or rights to participate in  
15 such games and by conducting the games accordingly, when  
16 the entire net proceeds of such games of chance are to be  
17 devoted to educational, charitable, patriotic, religious or  
18 public-spirited uses, and for any such organization, associa-  
19 tion, church, congregation, or society, when so licensed, to  
20 hold, operate and conduct such games of chance by its active  
21 members pursuant to this act and such license, and under  
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23 such conditions and regulations for the supervision and  
24 conduct thereof as shall be prescribed by rules and regula-  
25 tions duly adopted from time to time by the commonwealth  
26 of Massachusetts, not inconsistent with the provisions of this  
27 act, but only when the entire net proceeds thereof are  
28 devoted to the uses aforesaid and for any person or persons to  
29 participate in and play such games of chance conducted  
30 under any such license.