

SENATE No. 445

By Mr. Morrissey (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 445) of Arthur Foley for legislation to allow gambling pools for the NFL Super Bowl and NCAA basketball tournament. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Three.

AN ACT TO ALLOW GAMBLING POOLS FOR THE NFL SUPERBOWL AND NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT.

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

- 1 Chapter 271 of the general laws are hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 17B the following new section:—
3 The buying and selling of pools or betting squares at a public or
4 private location based on the outcome of the National Football
5 League champion game, or the National Collegiate Athletic Associa-
6 tion division one basketball championship tournament shall be
7 exempt as a gambling activity under this chapter; provided that all
8 moneys collected from the participants in the pools or squares are
9 used solely for the prize or prizes and that no moneys can be used
10 compensate the organizer or organizers of the pool of squares as
11 compensation for services. Failure for the organizer of the pool or
12 squares to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not
13 more than three hundred thousand dollars or by imprisonment in the
14 state prison for not more than three years, or in jail or the house of
15 correction for not more than two and one half years.

