

By Mr. Angelo of Saugus (by request), petition of Samuel E. Vitale for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the establishment of gambling casinos in the Commonwealth. Government Regulations.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GAMBLING CASINOS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of two members  
2 of the senate, five members of the house of representatives, three  
3 persons appointed by the governor, who shall designate a chair-  
4 man, and the state treasurer or his designee, is hereby established for  
5 the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the  
6 establishment of gambling casinos in the commonwealth.

7 Said commission shall study, evaluate and make appropriate  
8 recommendations on:

9 (a) the economic, social and employment impact of casino oper-  
10 ations upon the state and regions within the state.

11 (b) the most beneficial ways of utilizing casino gambling for  
12 economic development.

13 (c) methods of taxation and potential revenues that may be  
14 derived directly and indirectly from casino gambling and the po-  
15 tential impact upon revenues received from existing forms of gam-  
16 bling in the state.

17 (d) whether casino gambling should be publicly operated or  
18 privately operated with licensing and regulation by the state.

19 (e) methods of licensing, qualifications of licenses and regula-  
20 tion of casino activities including measures that should be taken to  
21 prevent fraud, abuse and infiltration by undesirable elements into  
22 casino operations.

23 (f) such other matters that are consistent with the general au-  
24 thority and responsibility of the panel.

25 Submit to the governor on or before June seventeenth, nineteen  
26 hundred and eighty, an interim report addressing those matters  
27 germane to acts and resolutions on casino gambling that are before  
28 the legislature for its consideration for appropriate recommenda-  
29 tions.

30 Submit to the governor on or before December thirty-first,  
31 nineteen hundred and eighty, a report setting forth the panel's  
32 recommendations and suggestions for legislative and administra-  
33 tive actions to effectively implement casino gambling in Massachu-  
34 setts.

35 Provide such other reports as the governor may request on  
36 matters related to casino gambling.

37 Said commission shall be provided with offices within or with-  
38 out the state house; shall employ such staff and assistants as  
39 deemed necessary; and shall be allowed to travel within or without  
40 the commonwealth.