

By Mr. Giordano of Methuen, petition of Larry F. Giordano and James P. Jajuga for legislation to authorize sports pool wagering on professional football games. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING SPORTS POOL WAGERING ON PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL GAMES.

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. Section 24 of chapter 10 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following two
3 paragraphs: —

4 The commission is hereby authorized to conduct a lottery in
5 the form of sports pool wagering on football games played
6 between professional football teams and shall determine the type
7 of lottery to be conducted, the price or prices of tickets or shares
8 in said lottery, the numbers and sizes of the prizes on the winning
9 tickets or shares, the manner of payment of prizes to the holders
10 of winning tickets or shares, the frequency of selections of winning
11 tickets or shares, and the type or types of locations at which tickets
12 or shares may be sold and all other matters authorized by law.
13 The commission shall report monthly to the governor, the
14 attorney general and the general court, the total revenues of said
15 lottery, prize disbursements, and other expenses for the preceding
16 month, and shall make an annual report to the same which shall
17 include a full and complete statement of said lottery revenues,
18 prize disbursements, and other expenses, including such
19 recommendations as it may deem necessary or advisable.

20 Revenues from said lottery shall be distributed in accordance
21 with the provisions of section 35J.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 35I the following section: —

3 Section 35J. There shall be established and set up on the books
4 of the commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Football
5 Lottery Fund. Said fund shall consist of all revenues received by
6 the sale of tickets or shares which are based upon the results of
7 professional football games and all other monies credited or
8 transferred thereto from any other fund or source pursuant to law.
9 As of July first and January first of each year, the comptroller
10 shall determine the net balance in the Football Lottery Fund
11 derived from the sale of tickets or shares for the preceding six
12 months after deductions are made for (1) the amounts paid or
13 incurred for prizes to holders of winning lottery tickets or shares
14 during such six month period, and (2) the expenses of the state
15 lottery commission in administering the sports pool wagering on
16 football games for such six month period. All revenues credited
17 under this section shall remain in said account subject to
18 appropriation.