

HOUSE No. 2977

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bud L. Williams

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to payments of property taxes and payments made in lieu of property taxes for certain gaming licensees.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Bud L. Williams</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> | <i>1/14/2023</i> |

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By Representative Williams of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2977) of Bud L. Williams relative to payments of property taxes and payments made in lieu of property taxes for certain gaming licensees. Revenue.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3094 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to payments of property taxes and payments made in lieu of property taxes for certain gaming licensees.

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 23K of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 SECTION 72. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all revenue
3 received by a municipality from a category 1 licensee in the form of property tax payments
4 pursuant to chapters 59 and 60 or payments made in lieu of taxes pursuant to a community host
5 agreement or a contract or agreement executed pursuant to chapter 121A between the
6 municipality and the category 1 licensee shall be expended equally among all the wards or
7 precincts of that municipality to fund projects that provide for public safety facilities and
8 personnel; promote economic development; or, improve infrastructure within each particular
9 ward or precinct of that municipality.

10 Annually, the Mayor shall present to the City Council a specific line item appropriation
11 pursuant to SECTION 72 for each of the Wards of the municipality for the public services
12 contained within.