

3368 SECTION 91. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
3369 contrary, the governor may enter into a compact with a federally recognized Indian tribe in the  
3370 commonwealth.

3371 (b) The Massachusetts gaming commission shall, upon request of the governor, provide  
3372 assistance to the governor in negotiating such compact.

3373 (c) The governor shall only enter into negotiations under this section with a tribe that has  
3374 purchased, or entered into an agreement to purchase, a parcel of land for the proposed tribal  
3375 gaming development and scheduled a vote in the host communities for approval of the proposed  
3376 tribal gaming development. The governing body in the host community shall coordinate with the  
3377 tribe to schedule a vote for approval of the proposed gaming establishment upon receipt of a  
3378 request from the tribe. The governing body of the host community shall call for the election to  
3379 be held not less than 60 days but not more than 90 days from the date the request was received.

3380 (d) A compact negotiated and agreed to by the governor and tribe shall be submitted to the  
3381 general court for approval. The compact shall include a statement of the financial investment  
3382 rights of any individual or entity which has made an investment to the tribe, its affiliates or  
3383 predecessor applicants of the tribe for the purpose of securing a gaming license for that tribe  
3384 under its name or any subsidiary or affiliate since 2005.

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3386 (e) Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, if a mutually  
3387 agreed-upon compact has not been negotiated by the governor and Indian tribe or if such  
3388 compact has not been approved by the general court before July 31, 2012, the commission shall  
3389 issue a request for applications for a category 1 license in Region C pursuant to chapter 23K of

3390 the General Laws not later than October 31, 2012; provided, however, that if, at any time on or  
3391 after August 1, 2012, the commission determines that the tribe will not have land taken into trust  
3392 by the United States Secretary of the Interior, the commission shall consider bids for a category 1  
3393 license in Region C under said chapter 23K.