

## **GAMING CREATES JOBS FOR MASSACHUSETTS**

The gaming industry provides good union jobs with good wages, and benefits for often neglected parts of the workforce such as those without college degrees, women, and people of color, according to a new report. "Gaming in Massachusetts: Can Casinos Bring 'Good Jobs' to the Commonwealth?" was released by the Labor Resource Center at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, and was funded by the Construction Institute and the Future of Work in Massachusetts project. "In the conversion to a service-based economy, we lost many jobs with good wages and benefits that were available to workers without a college education," said author Susan Moir. "This study found that good jobs do exist in the gaming industry." The report's release comes shortly after the resignation of Salvatore F. DiMasi as the Speaker of the Massachusetts House. DiMasi was a staunch opponent of a casino gambling plan put forth by Governor Deval L. Patrick last year.

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