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House Passes HF 1835 129-0

On Monday, February 16, 2004 the Minnesota House Of Representatives passed **HF 1835** by a vote of 129-0. **HF 1835** expanding the definition of lawful purpose of lawful gambling to include payment for expenses of sending certain veterans to National World War II Memorial dedication events (see bill language below) was passed out of the Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Policy Committee on 2/9/04.

HF 1835 is authored by Representatives **Marty Seifert** of Marshall, **Irv Anderson** of International Falls, **Bernie Lieder** of Crookston, **Jim Rhodes** of St. Louis Park, **Doug Magnus** of Slayton, **Sondra**

Erickson of Princeton, **Char Samuelson** of New Brighton, **Bill Haas** of Champlin, **Eric Lipman** of Lake Elmo, **Lyle Koenen** of Maynard, **Peter Adolphson** of Minnetonka, **Scott Newman** of Hutchinson, **Phyllis Kahn** of Minneapolis, & **Jim Abeler** of Anoka.

The Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Veterans, & Gaming Committee (see below) will likely take up the companion file to **HF 1835 (SF 1796)** in the next few weeks. **SF 1796** is authored by Senators **Dennis Frederickson** of New Ulm, **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy, **Dean Johnson** of Willmar, **Carrie Ruud** of Breezy Point, & **Bill Belanger** of Bloomington.

HF 1835 as passed by Minnesota House Of Representatives on 2/16/04

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to veterans; expanding the definition of
- 1.3 lawful purpose of lawful gambling to include payment
- 1.4 for expenses of sending certain veterans to National
- 1.5 World War II Memorial dedication events.
- 1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.7 Section 1. [LAWFUL PURPOSE.]
- 1.8 Notwithstanding the definition of "lawful purpose" in
- 1.9 Minnesota Statutes, section 349.12, subdivision 25, it is a
- 1.10 lawful purpose of lawful gambling conducted by a licensed
- 1.11 veterans organization to pay up to \$1,500 per person to send up
- 1.12 to two World War II veterans per local veterans organization to
- 1.13 Washington D.C., for the dedication events of the National World
- 1.14 War II Memorial on May 27 to May 30, 2004. No licensed veterans
- 1.15 organization may spend more than \$6,000 under authority of this
- 1.16 section.
- 1.17 Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]
- 1.18 Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment.

Gambling Switches Committees in Senate

The Minnesota Senate has restructured their Committees for 2004 and Gambling issues and bills have been moved from the State & Local Government Operations Committee to the newly named Agriculture, Veterans, & Gaming Committee. This 14 member Committee is Chaired by **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy with **Gary Kubly** of Granite Falls as Vice-Chair. Other Committee members are: **Dick Day** of Owatonna, **Steve Dille** (ranking minority member) of Dassel, **David Hann** of Eden Prairie, **Dean Johnson** of

Willmar, **Paul Koering** of Fort Ripley, **Becky Lourey** of Kerrick, **Steve Murphy** of Red Wing, **Sean Niewnow** of Cambridge, **Ann Rest** of New Hope, **Dallas Sams** of Staples, **Rod Skoe** of Clearbrook, & **Betsy Wergin** of Princeton.

The Committee meets on Mondays & Wednesdays from 3:30 - 6:00 pm in Room 112 of the Capitol. The Committee office is 226 Captol & Committee phone number is 651-296-4150.

2004 Gambling Bill Introductions

Listed below are all of the gambling bills introduced to date during the 2004 Minnesota Legislative Session (2/2/04 - 2/18/04):

Senate File (SF) 1583 (Wiger) - Lawful gambling lawful purpose expenditures modification.

SF 1591 (Ranum, Belanger & Michel) & House File (HF) 1741 (Lenczewski, Seagren, & Larson) - Casino; state-operated or state owned gambling facility prohibited in a city unless approved by local referendum, payment of referendum costs provided, and money appropriated

HF 1716 (Hackbarth) - Casino license authorized; taxation and regulation provided; bonds issued; construction of stadiums for the Twins, University of Minnesota, and Vikings provided; lawful gambling tax rates adjusted; money appropriated; and constitutional amendment provided.

SF 1737 (Wiger) - Licensed veterans organizations lawful gambling profits use for National World War II memorial dedication ceremony attendance costs.

SF 1796 (Frederickson, Vickerman, Johnson DE, Ruud, & Belanger) & HF 1835 (Seifert, Anderson I, Lieder, Rhodes, Magnus, Erickson, Samuelson, Haas, Lipman, Koenen, Apolphson, Newman, Kahn, & Abeler) - Lawful gambling lawful purpose expenditures expanded to include sending certain veterans to National World War II Memorial dedication events.

HF 1977 (Brod & Abeler) - Compulsive gambling prevention and education funding provided, and money appropriated.

HF 2010 (Buesgens & Erickson) - Gambling activities at a class A racetrack facility provided.

HF 2011 (Buesgens & Erickson) - Card club maximum table requirement eliminated.

SF 2015 (Pappas, Skoe, Metzen, Langseth, & Tomassoni) & HF 2135 (Haas, Eken, Ellison, Kahn, Rhodes, Cornish, Lindgren, & Sviggum) - Lottery gaming machines provided, tax imposed on gaming machine revenue and revenue use specified, powers and duties granted to the state lottery director, and card games authorized at a gaming facility.

HF 2110 (Erhardt & Westerberg) - Casino authorized in the metropolitan area, tax proceeds dedicated solely to transportation, and constitutional amendment proposed.

HF 2113 (Otto, Thissen, Hornstein, Solberg, Hilty, Nelson M, & Lesch) - Lottery service businesses regulated.

To view all 2003/2004 House Gambling Bills go to the URL below & click on Gambling:

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us:8181/housetop.html>

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