



ACM Legislative Update/ALERT 3/30/07 CALL TO ACTION! - See Back Page - CALL TO ACTION!

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House Committee Passes Omnibus Lawful Gambling Bill

On Monday, March 27, 2006 the House Commerce and Labor Committee heard & passed **HF 1691 - ACM's Charitable Gambling Policy Bill**. Two amendments were adopted which made **HF 1691 the House 2007 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill**. The first amendment was modified language from **HF 271** which adds definition of fraternal organization and allows licensed fraternal organizations to pay for utility costs as a lawful purpose expenditure (LPE A-16). The second amendment modified linked bingo prize pool, games and prize limit language to allow a second linked bingo game which may be a progressive game (this was an amendment brought forth by MegaBingo).

Overview of HF 1691

Section

1 Fraternal organization. Adds definition of fraternal organization.

2 Lawful purpose. Allows an expenditure by a licensed fraternal organization for payment of water, fuel for heating, electricity, and sewer costs for a building wholly owned or wholly leased by and used as the primary headquarters of the licensed fraternal organization.

3 Linked bingo prize pool. Modified to include any portion of the prize pool that is carried over from one occasion to another in a progressive linked bingo game and removes limit of up to \$300 per bingo occasion that may be contributed to a linked bingo prize pool by a participating organization.

4 Expenditure restrictions. Increases the amount of bingo gross profits that lawful gambling organizations may use for allowable expenses by changing the manner in which taxes are deducted from the calculation.

5 Commercial products. The board may not deny approval of a pull-tab or tipboard game solely because the game is similar to or bears the name or image of a licensed commercial product.

6 Linked bingo games. Modified so that an organization may conduct or participate in not more than two linked bingo games per occasion, one of which may be a progressive game in which a

portion of the prize is carried over from one occasion to another until won by a player achieving a bingo within a predetermined amount of bingo numbers called.

7 Prize Limits. Changes the definition of a coverall bingo game, including games where all odd or even numbers are designated covered before a game commences. Removes requirement that organization must reduce amount contributed to linked bingo prize pool from aggregate value of cover all prizes. Limits consolation prizes for linked bingo games to \$200. Allows \$5 pull-tabs and tipboards. Adds that for a progressive linked bingo game, if no player declares a valid bingo within he predetermined amount of bingo numbers called, a portion of the prize is carried over to another occasion until the accumulated prize is won.

8 Repealer. Repeals a section of law requiring separate bank accounts for linked bingo prize pools.

9 Effective Date. Section 4 is effective July 1, 2007; sections 5-8 are effective the day following final enactment.

(adopted amendments to HF 1691 are in italics)

The 1st Engrossment of **HF 1691 the House 2007 Omnibus Charitable Gambling Policy Bill** as passed by the Committee may be viewed at: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H1691.1.html&session=ls85>

HF 1691 was authored by Representatives **Tom Anzenc** of Balsam Township, **Joe Atkins** of Inver Grove Heights, **Kurt Zellers** of Maple Grove, & **Carla Bigham** of Cottage Grove. **HF 271** was authored by Representatives **Larry Hawes** of St. Cloud, **John Ward** of Brainerd, **Bob Gunther** of Fairmont, **Connie Ruth** of Owatonna, **Dan Severson** of Sauk Rapids, **Steve Gottwalt** of St. Cloud, **Leon Lillie** of North St. Paul, & **Jim Abeler** of Anoka.

At this time it appears the Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee is not planning on hearing the Senate companion to **HF 1691 (SF 1966)** or any other gambling policy bills by the Senate policy committee deadline of 4/14/07 which effectively kills **HF 1691/SF 1966** this legislative session. We need your help to try and get **SF 1966** heard and passed this session. Please see back page for how you can help make this happen.



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SF2177	Text	Summary	Description	Jungbauer	Eagan gambling casino; Twins, Gophers and Vikings three stadium funding
SF2162	Text	Summary	Description	Vandever	Horse racing licensing revocation requirement
SF2089	Text	Summary	Description	Tomassoni	Omnibus jobs and economic development appropriations
SF1997	Text	Summary	Description	Betzold	Omnibus state departments appropriations
SF1982	Text	Summary	Description	Langseth	Postsecondary institutions raffles authority
* SF1966	Text	Summary	Description	Metzen	Lawful gambling provisions modifications
SF1747	Text	Summary	Description	Sparks	Amusement games regulation
* SF1734	Text	Summary	Description	Gerlach	Sales tax exemption for charitable gambling equipment; charitable gambling taxes repeal
* SF1631	Text	Summary	Description	Metzen	Lawful gambling tax rates temporary reductions
SF1572	Text	Summary	Description	Metzen	Agent wagering establishment
SF1292	Text	Summary	Description	Pappas	Metropolitan area regional parks funding state lottery proceeds distribution modification and metropolitan parks and open space commission members compensation modification
SF1291	Text	Summary	Description	Olsen	Constitutional amendment for constitutional environment and natural resources trust fund provisions and clean water legacy account expenditures and state lottery disposition modifications
SF1287	Text	Summary	Description	Kubly	Compulsive gambling appropriation
SF1073	Text	Summary	Description	Scheid	Public employment labor agreements and compensation plans ratification
SF1033	Text	Summary	Description	Prettner Solon	Compulsive gambling education, treatment and assessment provisions; social and economic costs of gambling report
SF1025	Text	Summary	Description	Berglin	Mental health provisions modification; children's mental health grants
SF0801	Text	Summary	Description	Robling	State departments appropriations
SF0650	Text	Summary	Description	Higgins	Public safety, corrections and criminal justice appropriations
SF0544	Text	Summary	Description	Skogen	State lottery game arts, historic preservation and conservation benefit requirement
SF0333	Text	Summary	Description	Scheid	Horse racing purse set aside and breeders fund revenue sharing and racetrack simulcasting and card club provisions modifications
SF0326	Text	Summary	Description	Robling	Unclaimed lottery prize money allocation modification
* SF0309	Text	Summary	Description	Kubly	Lawful gambling tax rate reductions
SF0238	Text	Summary	Description	Sheran	Statewide smoking ban
* SF0163	Text	Summary	Description	Sparks	Lawful gambling lawful purpose expenditures definition modification

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HF2364	Text	Summary	Description	Dettmer	Horse racing licenses revoked unless live racing is conducted.
HF2226	Text	Summary	Description	Lanning	Postsecondary institutions authorized to conduct raffles under certain circumstances.
* HF2072	Text	Summary	Description	DeLaForest	Charitable gambling taxes repealed.
HF1898	Text	Summary	Description	Kahn	State Lottery authorized to lease space and operate a casino in the main terminal of the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, and money appropriated.
* HF1691	Text	Summary	Description	Anzelc	Lawful gambling definitions, expenditure restrictions, game requirements, prize amounts, and other provisions modified.
HF1669	Text	Summary	Description	Rukavina	Amusement games permits, penalties, and inspection provided.
HF1570	Text	Summary	Description	Thao	Compulsive gambling public awareness and treatment funding provided, and money appropriated.
HF1553	Text	Summary	Description	Buesgens	Agent wagering provided.
* HF1474	Text	Summary	Description	Koenen	Lawful gambling tax rate reduced.
HF1472	Text	Summary	Description	Huntley	Compulsive gambling education, treatment, and assessment provided, report required, and money appropriated.
* HF1310	Text	Summary	Description	Atkins	Lawful gambling tax rates temporary reduction provided.
HF1165	Text	Summary	Description	Hilstrom	Purse set-aside and breeder's fund revenue sharing provided, and simulcasting and card club restrictions modified.
HF1093	Text	Summary	Description	Hansen	Environment and natural resources trust fund provisions modified, clean water legacy and trust fund expenditures provided, state lottery in lieu tax disposition modified, money appropriated, and constitutional amendment proposed.
HF1055	Text	Summary	Description	Kahn	State lottery ticket sales on State Fairgrounds authorized.
HF1045	Text	Summary	Description	Dominguez	Metropolitan parks nonprofit foundation established, state lottery gross proceeds in lieu of sales tax distribution for metropolitan parks and open space clarified, and parks and open space commission member compensation modified.
HF0819	Text	Summary	Description	Doty	State Lottery games required for the benefit of the arts, historic preservation, and conservation; arts fund and historic preservation fund created; and money appropriated.
HF0669	Text	Summary	Description	Beard	Unclaimed lottery prize money allocated to environment and natural resources trust fund.
HF0441	Text	Summary	Description	Mullery	State lottery net proceeds and in-lieu tax distribution modified.
* HF0271	Text	Summary	Description	Haws	Lawful purpose gambling expenditures modified to include licensed fraternal organizations.
HF0107	Text	Summary	Description	Erhardt	Wagering losses treatment modified under the alternative minimum tax.
HF0067	Text	Summary	Description	Thissen	Lottery games provided to support local parks.

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Call Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee NOW

It is our understanding that the Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee which has jurisdiction over gambling policy is not intending to hear any gambling policy bills by the Senate policy committee deadline of 4/14/07. Unfortunately this would mean ACM's charitable gambling policy bill, SF 1966 and its House companion HF 1691 the House 2007 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Bill outlined on the front page, would essentially be DEAD this legislative session.

SF 1966/HF 1691 includes a number of modest, but important noncontroversial changes which would benefit our industry. These changes will give organizations more options & additional flexibility which will definitely be needed in light of the Statewide Smoking Ban passed by the Senate on 3/27/07 which basically bans smoking in all places of employment including bars & restaurants as of August 1, 2007. We need your help to try and get SF 1966 heard and passed this session.

At this time we need charitable gambling organization/ company members and employees to call the 11 members of the Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee listed on the right and *ask that the Committee please hear and pass ACM's charitable gambling policy bill ... SF 1966 by the policy deadline on April 14th.* A sample phone message is printed below.

Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee Members

Chair: **Ann H. Rest** - New Hope - 651-296-2889

Vice Chair: **Tony Lourey** - Kerrick - 651-296-0293

Ranking Minority Member:

Chris Gerlach - Apple Valley - 651-296-4120

Don Betzold - Fridley - 651-296-2556

Dick Day - Owatonna - 651-296-9457

Joe Gimse - Willmar - 651-296-3826

Dan Larson - Bloomington - 651-296-8061

John Marty - Roseville - 651-296-5645

Sandra L. Pappas - St. Paul - 651-296-1802

Claire A. Robling - Jordan - 651-296-4123

Jim Vickerman - Tracy - 651-296-5650

If one of these Senators represents your district you must call them as soon as possible. *While we need calls from the entire charitable gambling industry constituent calls are extremely important. If you are a constituent we strongly recommend you call them at home during the Legislative Passover/ Easter Recess (4/3-4/9).*

Again, if you want to see SF 1966/HF 1691 passed this legislative session it is critical that you call these 11 Senators NOW!

Sample Phone Message - Call The Minnesota Senators Listed Above NOW!

Hello, this is (your name) of the (name of organization/company). As a member of the Senate State and Local Government Operations and Oversight Committee we ask that the Committee please hear and pass ACM's charitable gambling policy bill ... SF 1966 by the policy deadline on April 14th. Thank You!



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