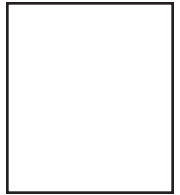




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Legislative ALERT
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CHARITABLE GAMBLING THREATENED

Rep. Emmer Offers Amendment To Abolish Gambling In Minnesota

On Wednesday, April 12, 2006 the Minnesota House of Representatives took up **HF 2833 the House 2006 Omnibus State Government Finance Bill**. Included within **HF 2833** are a number of Charitable Gambling provisions including **HF 3253 - ACM's Bar Bingo & Pull-tab Bill**, **HF 3254 - ACM's Sports Themed Tipboard Pilot Project Bill**, & the 15% allowable expense carry forward language from **HF 3194 - GCB's Charitable Gambling Policy Bill**.

During the debate on **HF 2833** an amendment was offered by Representative **Tom Emmer** of Delano to prohibit ALL forms of gambling in Minnesota as of July 1, 2008. The amendment and bill were laid over until 12:00 Noon, Tuesday, April 18, 2006 as the House had to adjourn at 3 pm for the Passover/Easter Recess. **THIS AMENDMENT IS A REAL AND SERIOUS THREAT TO OUR INDUSTRY. It is imperative during the Legislative Recess that ALL Charitable Gambling organization & company members & employees contact their Minnesota State Representative at home asking that they OPPOSE the Emmer amendment to HF 2833 (see sample message below).** The hda-371 amendment is printed below:

- 1.1 **EMMER** moves to amend H. F. No. 2833 as follows:
- 1.2 Page 69, after line 33, insert:
- 1.3 "Sec. 137. **PROHIBITION OF GAMBLING IN MINNESOTA.**
- 1.4 Notwithstanding any current law to the contrary, all forms of gambling are prohibited
- 1.5 under Minnesota law. For the purposes of this section, "gambling" includes any game
- 1.6 involving chance, consideration, and prize and includes, but is not limited to, pari-mutuel
- 1.7 betting under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240, lawful gambling under Minnesota Statutes,
- 1.8 chapter 349, gambling authorized through any state-tribal compact, and the State Lottery
- 1.9 under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 349A.
- 1.10 Sec. 138. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**
- 1.11 The revisor of statutes shall prepare a bill for introduction in the 2009 legislative
- 1.12 session that makes the changes necessary to conform to the prohibition of gambling set
- 1.13 forth in section 137"
- 1.14 Page 70, after line 15, insert:
- 1.15 "Sec. 143. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**
- 1.16 Sections 137 and 138 are effective July 1, 2008."
- 1.17 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 1.18 Amend the title accordingly

After reading the amendment we hope you understand why it needs to be defeated. Again, we need anyone and everyone involved in Charitable Gambling in Minnesota to contact their Minnesota State Representative at home in the next few days asking that they OPPOSE the Emmer amendment to HF 2833 (see sample message below). If you are unable to reach your Minnesota State Representative at home during the Legislative Recess please contact their St. Paul Legislative office by noon on Tuesday, April 18, 2006.

Sample Message - Contact YOUR Minnesota State Representative NOW!

*Hello, this is (your name) of the (name of organization/company).
Please OPPOSE the Emmer amendment to HF 2833 which would abolish
ALL forms of gambling in Minnesota. Thank You!*