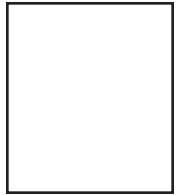




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Omnibus Gambling Bill Passes Senate

On Tuesday, April 25, 2006 the Minnesota Senate heard & passed as amended **SF 2953 the Senate 2006 Omnibus Gambling Policy Bill** *by a vote of 63-0*. **SF 2953** was authored by Senators **Ann Rest** of New Hope, **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy, **Betsy Wergin** of Princeton, **Yvonne Prettner Solon** of Duluth, & **Paul Koering** of Fort Ripley. The 2 amendments below were added to the bill:

scs2953a-3 Amendment

- 1.1 Senator **Rest** moved to amend **S.F. No. 2953, 1st Engrossment** as follows:
- 1.2 Page 14, delete line 31
- 1.3 Page 15, delete line 7
- 1.4 Page 17, line 26, delete the new language
- 1.5 Page 17, delete lines 27 to 29
- 1.6 Page 17, line 30, delete the new language and insert "No entity other than the
- 1.7 licensed organization may conduct any activity within a booth operation on a leased"
- 1.8 Page 20, delete line 8
- 1.9 Page 21, after line 16, insert:
- 1.10 "Sec. 28. **REPORT ON AUTOMATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**
- 1.11 **FOR LAWFUL GAMBLING.**
- 1.12 The commissioner of revenue and the executive director of the Gambling Control
- 1.13 Board shall conduct a feasibility study pertaining to consolidation and automation of
- 1.14 reporting requirements for lawful gambling activities and shall submit a report with
- 1.15 findings and recommendations to the legislature and the governor by January 31, 2007."
- 1.16 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 1.17 Amend the title accordingly

ss2953a-1 Amendment

- 1.1 Senator **Wergin** moved to amend **S.F. No. 2953, 1st Engrossment** as follows:
- 1.2 Page 1, after line 13, insert:
- 1.3 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 240.18, subdivision 3a, is amended to
- 1.4 read:
- 1.5 Subd. 3a. Other categories. Available money apportioned to breeds other than
- 1.6 breeds contained in subdivisions 2 and 3 must be distributed as financial incentives to
- 1.7 encourage horse racing and horse breeding for such breeds. Available money apportioned
- 1.8 for the Arabian breed may be distributed to owners who are Minnesota residents racing at
- 1.9 licensed Minnesota racetracks or at racetracks of border states."
- 1.10 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references
- 1.11 Amend the title accordingly

SF 2953 as passed by the Senate includes the **GCB's Charitable Gambling Policy Bill, ACM's Bar Bingo & Pull-tab Bill, the important 15% allowable expense carry forward language, plus the 2 amendments above**. The 2nd Engrossment of **SF 2953 the Senate 2006 Omnibus Gambling Policy Bill** as passed by the Senate may be viewed at:

<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=S2953.2.html&session=ls84>

It appears the Minnesota House will take up the **SF 2953** companion bill in the next week.

Emmer Amendment Defeated

On Tuesday, April 18, 2008 after the Legislative Recess the Minnesota House of Representatives again took up **HF 2833 the House 2006 Omnibus State Government Finance Bill**. As expected Representative **Tom Emmer** of Delano again offered an amendment to prohibit ALL forms of gambling in Minnesota as of July 1, 2008 as per the 4/13/06 ACM Legislative ALERT. We are pleased to report the amendment was defeated by a vote of 33-100. A SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who took the time to contact their local Minnesota State Representatives asking that they OPPOSE the Emmer amendment to HF 2833. Unfortunately after receiving its third reading in the House **HF 2833** was tabled and it is unclear whether further action will be taken on this bill this session.