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2004 Omnibus Charitable Gambling Policy Bill (HF 2521) Passes Minnesota House of Representatives 125-5

On Monday, March 22, 2004 the Minnesota House Of Representatives heard & passed as amended **HF 2521 - the 2004 Omnibus Charitable Gambling Policy Bill** by a vote of 125-5. Two amendments were offered and both were adopted. The 1st deleted the 2 sections dealing with promotional pull-tabs. The 2nd allows a person under the age of 18 to participate in

one bingo occasion conducted by a licensed organization as part of an annual community event if the person under age 18 is accompanied by a parent or guardian. A summary of HF 2521 as amended is printed below. The Minnesota Senate will likely take up the **2004 Omnibus Charitable Gambling Policy Bill, HF 2521/SF 2435**, in the next several weeks.

HF 2521 Summary (Omnibus Charitable Gambling Policy Bill)

Section 1 requires that cash shortages be reported by site instead of by organization. Limits remain the same (.3% of gross receipts) but is based on fiscal year (12 months) beginning July 1, 2004. **(GCB)**

Section 2 clarifies that manufacturers must make all gambling equipment available for sale to distributors - not just "pull-tabs". **(GCB)**

Section 3 (housekeeping item) clarifies that the fee for a gambling manager is an "annual" fee. **(GCB)**

Section 4 (housekeeping item) deletes the reference to "class of license" - class of license was removed last session. **(GCB)**

Section 5 restores the original language for multiple seal tipboards and cumulative or carryover tipboard prizes. Original language became null & void after rules were not formally proposed for adoption within 18 months of passage. **(ACM/GCB)**

Section 6 adjusts the maximum rent allowed for a "bar operation" from \$2,000 to \$2,500 and

clarifies cash shortages as an "expense". Also limits the involvement of a lessor's immediate family in the conduct of lawful gambling. **(GCB)**

Section 7 expands the number of "off-site" activities from 1 day to 4 days per calendar year plus 1 event up to 12 days in connection with a county fair, the state fair, a church festival, or a civic celebration. **(ACM/GCB)**

Section 8 (housekeeping item) removes the reference to class license. **(GCB)**

Section 9 raises the total prize level limits at a bingo occasion from \$2,500 to \$2,800 unless a cover-all game is played in which case the limit is raised from \$3,500 to \$3,800. **(ACM)**

Section 10 allows a person under the age of 18 to participate in one bingo occasion conducted by a licensed organization as part of an annual community event if the person under age 18 is accompanied by a parent or guardian. **(Representative Vandev eer)**

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Section 11 allows licensed veteran organizations to use gambling proceeds to send up to 2 WW II veterans to Washington DC for the WW II Memorial dedication in May. Maximum expense allowance is \$1,500 per veteran. Allows a donation to other veterans posts. (*Representative Seifert*)

Section 12 repeals the original language for multiple seal tipboards and cumulative or carryover tipboard prizes. (*Revisor*)

Section 13 effective dates: Section 1 is effective July 1, 2004. Remaining Sections are effective the day following final enactment.

2004 Gambling Bill Introductions

Listed below are the gambling bills introduced since the 3/20/04 ACM Legislative Update (thru 3/31/04):

SF 2978 (Vickerman) - Card club wagers gambling tax imposition.

SF 2994 (Reiter) & HF 3139 (Westerberg, Beard, Buesgens, & Davids) - Compulsive gambling toll free telephone number advertising disclosure requirement.

HF 3103 (Gerlach) - Lawful gambling combined receipts tax repealed.

As of 3/31/04 20 gambling bills have been

introduced in the Minnesota Senate this session and 21 gambling bills have been introduced in the Minnesota House of Representatives this session

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>

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

http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us:8181/senate_subjects.html

2004 ACM Membership Certificate Update

Please note that we have not yet sent out ACM Membership Certificates to 2004 ACM Members and Associate Members that have sent in their 2004 ACM Registration Form and Dues. We apologize for the delay and are planning to get the 2004 ACM Membership Certificates and paid receipt for your 2004 ACM member dues out by mid-May. **We appreciate your patience and THANK those that have paid their 2004 dues!**



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