

Do You Want Tax Relief in 2007?

If Yes, Please Contact YOUR Minnesota State Legislators NOW!

On Friday, April 27, 2007 the Minnesota House of Representatives heard and passed **HF 2362 the House 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill**. Article 9 Section 10 of **HF 2362** includes a 7 percent reduction of lawful gambling taxes for 3 years. Below is the House Research Summary of this important provision:

Article 9: Special Taxes Overview

A temporary (FY2008-2010) 7 percent reduction in the lawful gambling taxes is provided.

10 Tax rates for fiscal years 2008 to 2010. Establishes lawful gambling tax rates that apply for the period from June 30, 2007 through July 1, 2010. These rates represent a 7 percent reduction from the regular tax rates. At the end of the period, the rates revert to their current level. The present and proposed rates are shown in the table.

<u>Tax</u>	<u>Present rate</u>	<u>Temporary rate</u>
General	8.5%	7.9%
Pulltab and tipboard	1.7%	1.6%
Combined receipts		
\$500,000 - \$700,000	1.7%	1.6%
\$700,000 - \$900,000	3.4%	3.2%
\$900,000 +	5.1%	4.7%

After the Minnesota House of Representatives passed HF 2362 the Minnesota Senate passed their version of the 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill (SF 1024) which does not include a reduction of lawful gambling taxes. A Conference Committee was then appointed to work out the differences between the two bills. The HF 2362 Omnibus Tax Bill Conferees are as follows:

Senate Conferees

Tom Bakk - Cook 651-296-8881
Dan Larson - Bloomington 651-297-8061
Rod Skoe - Clearbrook 651-296-4196
Mee Moua - St. Paul 651-296-5285
John Marty - Roseville 651-296-5645

House Conferees

Ann Lenczewski - Bloomington 651-296-4218
Paul Marquart - Dilworth 651-296-6829
Lyndon Carlson - Crystal 651-296-4255
Jim Davnie - Minneapolis 651-296-0173
Dean Simpson - Perham 651-296-4293

If we want to see a lawful gambling tax reduction in the 2007 Omnibus Tax Bill we need to make sure that Minnesota legislators are hearing from THEIR CONSTITUENTS in the next day or two that this is an IMPORTANT ISSUE that needs to be acted upon this session.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION NOW: During the next couple of days please call YOUR Minnesota State Senator and Representative and ask them to strongly encourage the HF 2362 Omnibus Tax Bill Conferees to please ADOPT the House 7% Lawful Gambling Tax Reduction. A sample phone message is printed below. The 4/26/07 ACM Legislative Update mailed out last week included an insert with names and phone numbers of all Minnesota legislators. We need YOUR help to ensure that the House Position will prevail - please call YOUR Minnesota legislators IMMEDIATELY!

Every licensed charitable gambling organization/company needs to get as many members & employees as possible to contact THEIR Minnesota legislators as outlined above in the next few days. **Minnesota legislators MUST be hearing from THEIR CONSTITUENTS that Reducing Lawful Gambling Taxes is a TOP PRIORITY that needs to be acted upon this legislative session.**

Sample Phone Message To YOUR Minnesota State Legislators

Hello, this is (your name) of the (name of organization/company). We would appreciate Senator or Representative (last name) strongly encouraging the HF 2362 Omnibus Tax Bill Conferees to please ADOPT the House 7% Lawful Gambling Tax Reduction. Thank You!



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