

ACM Legislative Update 5/12/05

Senate Finance Committee Passes SF 1555

On Monday, May 9, 2005 the Senate Finance Committee heard and passed **SF 1555 the Senate 2005 Omnibus Lawful Gambling Policy Bill**. One amendment to the bill was adopted by the Committee. **SF 1555** as amended by the Committee was recommended to pass and sent to the Senate floor. **SF 1555** received its 2nd reading in the Minnesota Senate on 5/9/05 and will hopefully come up on Special Orders in the next few days. **SF 1555** is authored by Senators **Ann Rest** of New Hope, **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy, **David Tomassoni** of Chisholm, **Sheila Kiscaden** of Rochester, & **Steve Dille** of Dassel.

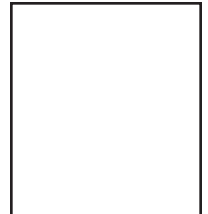
When **SF 1555** was heard in the Senate Finance Committee Senator **Sheila Kiscaden** of Rochester offered an amendment which included language to keep allowable expense % at 55% with an unworkable waiver option (instead of the 60% as originally proposed in **SF 1555**) while keeping all the other proposed allowable expense changes. ACM Executive Director **King Wilson** & ACM Legislative Chair **Roger Olson** testified in opposition to the 55% and waiver change. During the debate our position was supported by Senators **Jim Metzen** of South St Paul, **Chris Gerlach** of Apple Valley, **Cal Larson** of Fergus Falls, **Steve Dille** of Dassel, **Gen Olson** of Minnetrista, & **Leroy Stumpf** of Thief River Falls. After a spirited discussion the proposed allowable expense change back to 55% with waiver option was withdrawn by Senator **Kiscaden**. We anticipate this will likely be offered again as an amendment on the Senate floor.

The 2nd Engrossment of **SF 1555** as passed by the Senate Finance Committee was posted on May 10, 2005 and may be viewed at: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=S1555.2&session=ls84

The House Companion **HF 1801** has not yet been scheduled for a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee as of 5/10/05. The 2nd Engrossment of **HF 1801** as passed by the House State Government Finance Committee was posted on 4/4/05 and may be viewed at: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H1801.2&session=ls84



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