

ACM Legislative Update 5/24/05

2005 Omnibus Gambling Policy Bill (SF 1555) Passes Minnesota Legislature

On Tuesday, May 17, 2005 the Minnesota Senate heard and passed as amended **SF 1555 - *the 2005 Omnibus Gambling Policy Bill*** by a vote of 66-0. **SF 1555** was authored by Senators **Ann Rest** of New Hope, **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy, **David Tomassoni** of Chisholm, **Sheila Kiscaden** of Rochester, & **Dave Kleis** of St. Cloud.

On Friday, May 20, 2005 the Minnesota House Of Representatives heard and passed as amended their version of **SF 1555 - *the 2005 Omnibus Gambling Policy Bill*** by a vote of 112-21. The House version of **SF 1555** was authored by Representatives **Tom Hackbarth** of Cedar, **Andy Westerberg** of Blaine, **Sondra Erickson** of Princeton, **Bill Hilty** of Finlayson, & **Joe Hoppe** of Chaska.

As there were about a dozen differences between the Senate & House versions of **SF 1555** a Conference Committee was appointed. The Conferees were Senators **Ann Rest** of New Hope, **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy, & **Dave Kleis** of St. Cloud and Representatives **Tom Hackbarth** of Cedar, **Andy Westerberg** of Blaine, & **Paul Thissen** of Minneapolis. The **SF 1555** Conference Committee met on Monday, May 23, 2005, reconciled the differences, and approved a Conference Committee Report. On Monday, May 23, 2005 the Minnesota Senate adopted the **SF 1555** Conference Committee Report and repassed **SF 1555** as amended by Conference by a vote of 56-2. Also on Monday, May 23, 2005 the Minnesota House Of Representatives adopted the **SF 1555** Conference Committee Report and repassed **SF 1555** as amended by Conference by a vote of 114-20. **The bill will now go to the Governor and ACM will send out a copy of SF 1555 - *the 2005 Omnibus Gambling Policy Bill* to our CURRENT ACM Members & Associate members after it is signed into law.** The **SF 1555** Conference Committee Report as adopted and passed by the Minnesota Legislature on 5/23/05 may be viewed at:

www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=ccrsf1555.html&session=ls84



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