



ACM Legislative Update 6/4/03

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Dear ACM Members, Associate Members, & Friends;

Well, the 2003 Minnesota Legislative & 1st Special Sessions are now officially over. It took an extra two weeks as the Legislature struggled but finally balanced a budget by fixing a \$4.23 billion projected shortfall without raising taxes (*unfortunately, we know firsthand it wasn't done without raising fees*).

Enclosed is a 36 page booklet with the details of the Charitable Gambling sections from the 3 bills passed by the Minnesota Legislature that dealt with Charitable Gambling.

The 1st bill is **HF 1244**, the 2003 Omnibus Charitable Gambling Bill, which includes a number of changes to Minnesota Lawful Gambling Statutes. **HF 1244** is primarily the GCB's 2003 Policy Initiatives and ACM's Linked Bingo Proposal. **HF 1244** was presented to Governor Tim Pawlenty on Friday, May 23, 2003 and he signed **Chapter 110 - HF 1244** into law on Tuesday, May 27, 2003. A copy of the 3rd engrossment of **HF 1244** as passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor can be found on pages 1-19 of the white insert. Page 20 shows the Official House & Senate Actions on **HF 1244**. *Effective date of most of the bill will be Friday, August 1, 2003. Section 36 dealing with the new rent formula and limits is effective May 31, 2003, and applies to leases entered into or amended on and after that date.* We would again like to **THANK** Representative **Carl Jacobson** of Shoreview and Senator **Jim Vickerman** of Tracy for their hard work on the 2003 Omnibus Charitable Gambling Bill. Also, a **SPECIAL THANKS** to the authors of our Linked Bingo Bill - Representatives **Tony Kielkucki** of Lester Prairie, **Jim Rhodes** of St. Louis Park, **Loren Solberg** of Grand Rapids, **Sondra Erickson** of Princeton, **Scott Wasiluk** of Maplewood, **Phyllis Kahn** of Minneapolis, & Senators **Jim Vickerman**, **Chuck Wiger** of North St. Paul, **James Metzen** of South St. Paul, **Dick Day** of Owatonna, & **Claire Robling** of Jordan.

The 2nd bill is **HF 1**, the 2003 Omnibus State Departments Appropriations Bill, which includes all the Charitable Gambling Fee changes *effective as of Tuesday, July 1, 2003*. **HF 1** was presented to Governor Tim Pawlenty on Saturday, May 24, 2003 and he signed **Chapter 1 - HF 1** into law on Wednesday, May 28, 2003. A copy of the Charitable Gambling sections of **HF 1** as passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor can be found on pages 21-32 of the white insert. Page 33 shows the Official House & Senate Actions on **HF 1**.

The 3rd bill is **HF 7**, the 2003 Omnibus Tax Bill, which includes 1 section dealing with Charitable Gambling Taxes. As of 6/1/03 **HF 7** has not yet been presented to Governor Tim Pawlenty so he has obviously not yet signed it into law (though it appears he will after it gets to him). A copy of the Charitable Gambling section of **HF 7** as passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor can be found on pages 34-35 of the white insert. Page 36 shows the Official House & Senate Actions on **HF 7** as of 6/1/03.

Also enclosed is a colored insert with GCB 5/27/03 Rent Reform Bulletin on the front and information about June GCB Seminars on the back. Please note that there are many questions regarding the new Charitable Gambling Legislative changes, particularly on rent reform & the new fees. Right now there are probably more questions than answers. The Gambling Control Board is busy working on answering all the questions and will be providing the industry with detailed information as soon as possible.

Respectfully,
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