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ACM Legislative Update 2/17/02

Gambling Bills, Gambling Bills, & More Gambling Bills

Listed below are all the gambling bills introduced to date during the 2002 Minnesota Legislative Session (1/29/02 - 2/15/02):

Senate File (SF) 2558 (Stevens) & House File (HF) 2658 (Erickson) - Casinos; counties authorized to issue casino license, taxation authorized, and constitutional amendment proposed.

SF 2602 (Day) - Lottery receipts use for trunk highway improvements.

HF 2608 (Kielkucki & Hackbarth) - Casino: privately operated metropolitan area casino authorized, tax on gross receipts imposed, and constitutional amendment proposed.

SF 2620 (Johnson D J) - State run casino; 21st century economic development fund (companion to HF 1036 introduced last year).

SF 2645 (Neuville) - Tribal state gambling compact revisions negotiation.

HF 2676 (Jaros & Rhodes) & SF 2788 (Solon Y P) - State lottery sports pool games established, and net proceeds credited to human resources account and appropriated annually to nutrition, housing, and health care.

HF 2793 (Osskopp) & SF 3213 (Lessard) - Lawful gambling provisions technical modifications, gambling and gambling devices obsolete language deleted, and conforming changes provided (*GCB bill*).

HF 2799 (Bishop, Dehler, Rhodes, Kahn, & Solberg) - Casino; state-run gaming facility authorized, Native American government net profit portion established, and gaming facility revenue usage regulations provided (companion to SF 1841 introduced last year).

SF 2910 (Wiger) & HF 3174 (Wasiluk, Mares, Workman, Murphy, Abrams, & Rhodes) - Lawful gambling organizations real property lawful purpose expenditures provision modification.

SF 2927 (Day) & HF 3154 (Holsten, Workman, Milbert, Buesgens, Rhodes, & Erickson) - State lottery gaming machines provided, and horse racing purse payments provided.

SF 2940 (Vickerman, Metzen, Day, Stumpf, & Stevens) & HF 3073 (Osskopp, Jaros, Gleason, Rhodes, Kilekucki, Larson, & Erickson) - Bingo electronic devices and linked bingo games provided, lawful gambling prize amounts and definitions provided, and pull-tab dispensing device procedures modified (*ACM bill*).

SF 2955 (Metzen) - State run gaming facility.

SF 2967 (Reiter, Limmer, Lesewski, Belanger, & Vickerman) & HF 3004 (Jacobson, Osskopp, Vandever, Anderson B, Lieder, Buesgens, Rukavina, Wilkin, Lipman, Erickson, Rifenberg, Daggett, Johnson J, Westerberg, Abeler, & Pawlenty) - Veterans organizations expenditures allowed as lawful purpose expenditures in certain instances.

HF 2976 (Holsten & Mares) - Gambling lawful purpose expenditures trade area definition modified.

HF 3046 (Jacobson) - Lawful gambling premises rent limits provided and certain persons prohibited to be employed in the sale of pull-tabs.

SF 3144 (Lessard) - Lawful gambling license terms modifications (*GCB bill*).

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HF 3146 (Stanek, Tuma, & Westerberg) - Scratch-off lottery game provided to fund antiterrorism initiatives.

HF 3217 (Larson & Gleason) - Gambling

ACM Policy Bill (HF 3073) Passes House Committee

On Wednesday morning, February 13, 2002 the House Governmental Operations & Veterans Affairs Committee heard and passed **HF 3073, ACM's 2002 Charitable Gambling Policy Bill**. The Committee recommended that **HF 3073** pass as amended and sent the bill to the House floor.

HF 3073 was authored by Representatives **Mike Osskopp** of Lake City, **Mike Jaros** of Duluth, **Mark Gleason** of Richfield, **Jim Rhodes** of St. Louis Park, **Tony Kielkucki** of Lester Prairie, **Dan Larson** of Bloomington, & **Sondra Erickson** of Princeton.

HF 3073 as amended would change Minnesota's Charitable Gambling Laws Chapter 349 as follows:

- *Pull-tab Prizes - maximum prize increased from \$500 to \$599*

- *Progressive Bingo Prize - progressive bingo game prize may start at up to \$500 instead of \$300 - total amount awarded in progressive bingo game prizes in calendar year increased from \$36,000 to \$48,000*

- *Disaster Relief - disaster relief changed from natural to as defined in section 12.03, subdivision 2*

- *Pull-tab Dispensing Device - allows bar ops to also have pull-tab dispensing devices*

lawful purpose expenditures modified.

Currently, the House Gambling Bill Status Summary Display page shows 44 gambling bills & the Senate Gambling Bill Status Summary Display page shows 36 gambling bills. Remember bills introduced in 2001 are still alive in 2002.

- *Linked Bingo - defines & allows for linked bingo and lets GCB adopt rules relating to linked bingo*

- *Electronic Bingo Devices - defines & allows for handheld electronic bingo devices and lets GCB adopt rules relating to electronic bingo devices*

- *Real Estate & Assessments LPE - allows veterans organizations to pay real estate taxes & assessments as lawful purpose on permitted gambling premises that are wholly leased (HF 3217)*

- *Distributor & Manufacturer Licenses - changes licensing of distributors & manufacturers to 2 years on renewals after initial term of 1 year and adjust fees accordingly (GCB initiative)*

Also, on 2/13/02 the Committee heard & passed **HF 3004**. The Committee recommended that **HF 3004** pass and sent the bill to the House floor. **HF 3004** allows veterans organizations as a LPE to pay utility bills & to spend up to \$5,000 per calendar year for members & spouses for meals and membership events held in recognition of military service.

Previously on 2/7/02 the Committee heard & passed **HF 2793, GCB's technical & housekeeping bill**. The Committee recommended that **HF 2793** pass and sent the bill to the House floor.



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