

ACM Legislative Update 4/30/02

House Passes Omnibus Gambling Bill

On Tuesday, April 4, 2001 the Minnesota House of Representatives passed **HF 3073, ACM's 2002 Charitable Gambling Policy Bill** which was amended to become an omnibus gambling bill, by a vote of 92-39.

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.

Rep. **Osskopp** had a delete everything amendment to **HF 3073** which included the language from the following bills: **HF 2793 (Osskopp) GCB's technical & housekeeping bill**, **HF 3004 (Jacobson)**, **HF 3073 (Osskopp, Jaros, Gleason, Rhodes, Kilekucki, Larson, & Erickson) ACM's 2002 Charitable Gambling Policy bill**, **HF 3217 (Larson & Gleason)**, **HF 3598 (Osskopp)**, plus language allowing the Racing Commission to permit parimutual account wagering. Copies of **HF 2793**, **HF 3004**, & **HF 3074** (including **HF 3217**) were printed in the 3/4/02 ACM Legislative Update.

Below is a description of **HF 3073** as amended and passed by the House:

ARTICLE 1 – TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Modifying certain provisions relating to lawful gambling; eliminating a certain duplicate listing of the content requirements for gambling equipment distributor sales records; eliminating a certain obsolete exception for the manufacturer licensing requirement and certain obsolete provisions relating to manufacturer pull tab and tipboard flare sales and gambling manager examinations; modifying certain gambling employee registration form content requirements; eliminating the retention requirement for organization compensation records; requiring licensed organizations to submit certain receipt and expenditure reports to the department of revenue in lieu of the gambling control board and eliminating a certain monthly reporting requirement; modifying the time limit for organization payments to distributors and distributor payments to manufacturers for gambling equipment; repealing certain obsolete provisions and a certain provision authorizing bingo premises lessors to furnish bingo equipment without a distributor license

ARTICLE 2 – BINGO; PULL TABS

Providing for the licensing of linked bingo game prize providers by the gambling control board, specifying certain surety bond requirements and prohibited conduct and the license term, prescribing initial and renewal fees; authorizing licensed organizations to conduct or participate in linked bingo games, specifying certain prize contribution requirements and limits and granting the board certain rulemaking authority; expanding the authorized use by organizations of net profits for disaster relief; eliminating a certain prohibition on the use of pull tab dispensing devices; authorizing the board to provide for the use of electronic bingo devices; increasing certain progressive bingo game and pull tab prize limits; conforming distributor, manufacturer and bingo hall license terms to the term for linked bingo game prize provider licenses

ARTICLE 3 – LAWFUL PURPOSE; VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Expanding licensed lawful gambling organization lawful purpose expenditures to veterans organization expenditures for real estate taxes and assessments on permitted gambling premises wholly leased by the organization, for utility bills for headquarters buildings and for membership events held in recognition of military service

ARTICLE 4 – MISCELLANEOUS

Providing for parimutuel account wagering, defining account wagering; authorizing the sale of gambling devices by nonlicensed federally recognized Indian tribes under certain conditions

HF 3073 has been sent to the Minnesota Senate. The Senate received **HF 3073** on 4/11/02 where it was introduced and given it's first reading then referred to the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration (primarily due to missing committee deadlines in the Senate). Senator **Jim Vickerman** (the Senate author) is working with Senator **Roger Moe** (Senate Majority Leader & Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration) and it now appears possible that **HF 3073** will be sent to the Senate Floor for a vote in the next couple of weeks. **Stay Tuned!!!**