SENATE BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

MARCH 23, 2015

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing the acceptance of race book and sports pool wagers. (BDR 41-1135)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: Yes.

EXPLANATION - Matter in bolded italics is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to gaming; revising provisions governing the acceptance of race book and sports pool wagers; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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Under existing law, the Nevada Gaming Commission and the State Gaming Control Board are required to perform various acts relating to the regulation and control of gaming. (NRS 463.140) This bill authorizes certain business entities to apply for registration with the Board for purposes of placing race book and sports pool wagers.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 463 of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

- 1. The State of Nevada leads the nation in the regulation and enforcement of race book and sports pool wagers, such that the State is uniquely positioned to expand the means for natural persons to place race book and sports pool wagers in a controlled environment.
- 2. Allowing natural persons to pool money in a business 10 entity which can then place race book and sports pool wagers with nonrestricted gaming licensees will increase wagering activity in this State.



3. A comprehensive registration of business entities that place race book and sports pool wagers will provide greater transparency for nonrestricted gaming licensees, prevent fraud and assist law enforcement agencies in this State.

- Sec. 3. 1. A race book or sports pool may accept wagers from a business entity if the business entity has registered with the Board pursuant to subsection 2. Upon such registration, the business entity shall be deemed to be a patron for the purposes of this chapter and chapter 465 of NRS.
- 2. The Board shall register a business entity upon the Board's receipt of:
- (a) The name, residential address, copy of a valid photo identification which evidences that the person is at least 21 years of age, and social security number or individual taxpayer identification number, of each of the business entity's equity owners, holders of indebtedness, directors, officers, managers and partners, anyone entitled to payments based on the profits or revenues and any designated individuals;
- (b) The business entity's formation documents and the initial or annual list as filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to title 7 of NRS; and
 - (c) Payment of \$1,000 as an initial registration fee.
- 3. The registration of a business entity expires 1 year after the date of the delivery of the initial registration to the Board.
- 4. The registration of a business entity may be renewed annually upon payment of a renewal fee of \$500.
- 5. A business entity shall file an amended registration pursuant to subsection 2 within 5 business days after any change in the information or status contained in any previous filing and shall pay a fee of \$100 for filing the amended registration.
- 6. A person who knowingly submits any false information required pursuant to this section is guilty of perjury, which is a category D felony, and shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.
- 7. Before accepting the initial wager by a business entity, the operator of a race book or sports pool shall:
- (a) Confirm with the Board that the business entity is registered pursuant to subsection 2; and
- (b) Establish a wagering account through which the business entity's wagers are placed pursuant to regulations adopted by the Commission.
- 8. A registered business entity shall not distribute profits or pay any compensation to any person described in subsection 2 until such person has been disclosed in a registration with the Board.



9. A registered business entity shall:

(a) In addition to the books and records required by law to be kept in this State, keep in this State originals or copies of the records received from the race book or sports pool for all wagers placed;

(b) Maintain an account in this State with a bank or other financial institution having a principal office, branch or agency located in this State, from which it shall transfer and receive all money used in wagering with an operator of a race book or sports needs and

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 (c) Make any records pursuant to this subsection available for review by the Board or its agents.

10. Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 463.350, a race book or sports pool may accept wagers from a designated individual of a registered business entity.

- 11. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a registered business entity, any person described in subsection 2 and any agent acting on behalf of a registered business entity must not be considered to be engaged in the unlawful accepting or facilitating of any bet or wager.
 - 12. As used in this section:
- (a) "Business entity" means an entity organized and existing under the laws of this State.
- (b) "Designated individual" means a person listed as an officer, director, partner or manager of a business entity in the initial or annual list as filed with the Secretary of State pursuant to title 7 of NRS, and any other natural person authorized by the business entity in writing to place race book or sports pool wagers.

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

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