

HB 1666 -- SPORTS WAGERING

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This bill enacts new provisions relating to sports wagering.

This bill modifies the definition of "games of skill" to now include "sports wagering" and the definition of "adjusted gross receipts" to exclude adjusted gross receipts from "sports wagering" in Section 313.800, RSMo. This bill instead provides a definition of "adjusted gross receipts" as used in Sections 313.1000 to 313.1022 in relation to sports wagering operations.

A wagering tax, as specified in the bill, shall be imposed on the adjusted gross receipts received from sports wagering conducted by a certificate holder. Procedures and forms of payment of this tax shall be done in accordance with the provisions of this bill. Revenues received from this tax shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of the "Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund" and distributed as provided for under Section 313.822.

This bill creates the "Sports Wagering Fund". A certificate holder shall pay to the Gaming Commission an annual administrative fee of \$20,000 as well as a fee of \$10,000 every five years to cover the costs of a full reinvestigation of the certificate holder. Revenues received pursuant to these fees shall be deposited into the Sports Wagering Fund.

This bill provides that license holders may offer sports wagering in the state either in person at a licensed facility or over the Internet via an interactive sports wagering platform for persons physically located within the state, to persons 21 years old or older. This bill provides for licensing application procedures, qualifications, and requirements for license applications to offer sports wagering at a licensed facility and for applicants for interactive sports wagering platforms. Certain persons are prohibited from placing sports wagers, including any individual whose participation would undermine the integrity of the betting or event, any person prohibited for other good cause, as specified in the bill, and any person identified by the exclusion list provided by the Commission.

The Missouri Gaming Commission shall adopt rules to implement the provisions of this bill, in compliance with and subject to Chapter 536. These rules shall include standards governing sports wagering conduct, standards for offering sports wagering over the Internet, management of book keeping and financial records, and standards for detection and prevention of compulsive gambling. The Commission shall conduct background checks on individuals seeking licenses.

Certificate holders shall make records and data they are required to maintain available for inspection upon request of the Commission or as required by court order. A certificate holder shall not be held liable for disclosing information as required by the provisions of this bill.

The Commission shall test new sports wagering devices, forms, variation, or composites prior to their authorization by the Commission for use by licensed facilities.

The Commission shall adopt rules governing the advertisement of sports wagering, including that advertisements do not target minors, do not disclose the identity of the sports wagering certificate holder, provide informational materials and resources on gambling addiction, and are not otherwise false or misleading.

Subject to approval by the Commission, a certificate holder may contract with a third party to conduct sports wagering at the licensed facility. An interactive sports wagering platform provider may offer sports wagering on behalf of a certificate holder if the platform holds an interactive sports wagering platform license issued by the Commission.

Certificate holders shall make commercially reasonable efforts to designate areas within the licensed facility for sports wagering to be conducted, ensure the security and integrity of sports wagers, ensure surveillance of all activity on the premises, allow the Commission to monitor, and establish house rules on wagering procedures. Certificate holders shall maintain records in accordance with the provisions of this bill for bets and wagers that exceed \$10,000.

The Commission and certificate holders shall cooperate with investigations conducted by law enforcement agencies. Certificate holders shall report to the Commission information relating to criminal proceedings commenced against the certificate holder, any bets or wagers that violate state or federal law, and any abnormal wagering activity or other conduct that corrupts wagering outcomes.

The Commission may enter into agreements with other jurisdictions to provide for multi-jurisdictional sports betting to the extent allowed under state and federal laws.

All sports wagers placed under this bill shall be deemed to be initiated, received, and otherwise made on the property of an excursion gambling boat in this state. Consistent with provisions of the Unlawful Internet Gambling Enforcement Act of 2006, the intermediate routing of electronic data relating to lawful intrastate sports wagers authorized pursuant to this bill shall not

determine the location or locations in which such wager is initiated, received, or otherwise made.

This bill is similar to HB 730 (2021).