ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 448-ASSEMBLYMEN DE BRAGA AND CARPENTER

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Referred to Concurrent Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means

SUMMARY-Provides for licensing and operation of railroad gaming and makes appropriation to White Pine County for repair of trains and renovation of track. (BDR 41-1066)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

> Effect on the State: Contains Appropriation not included in Executive Budget.

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

AN ACT relating to railroad trains; requiring the Nevada gaming commission to adopt regulations governing the licensing and operation of railroad gaming; making an appropriation to White Pine County for the repair of certain trains and the renovation of certain track; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

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 a new section to read as follows:

- 1. A person may not operate railroad gaming without obtaining a restricted license for railroad gaming from the commission.
- 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law:
- (a) The commission may issue a restricted license to a person to operate railroad gaming in accordance with the regulations adopted pursuant to this section.
- (b) To operate railroad gaming, a person is not required to procure or maintain:
- (1) A gaming license or business license from any city, town or county, regardless of whether the historic railroad train stops in or traverses that city, town or county; or
 - (2) A county license for each particular slot machine.
- (c) No city, town or county may collect any license fee or tax for the operation of railroad gaming.
- 3. The commission shall adopt regulations governing the licensing and operation of railroad gaming.
 - 4. As used in this section:

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- (a) "Historic railroad train" means a steam, electric or other motor locomotive of historic distinction, with or without railroad cars coupled thereto, which travels upon stationary rails within this state and which is operated by a nonprofit organization. The term does not include a streetcar.
- 6 (b) "Railroad gaming" means the operation of slot machines on a historic railroad train.

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- Sec. 2. NRS 463.0189 is hereby amended to read as follows: 463.0189 "Restricted license" or "restricted operation" means a state gaming license for, or an operation consisting of, not more than 15 slot machines and no other game or gaming device [at]:
- 1. At an establishment in which the operation of slot machines is incidental to the primary business of the establishment [-]; or
 - 2. On a historic railroad train as defined in section 1 of this act.
- **Sec. 3.** There is hereby appropriated from the state general fund to White Pine County the sum of \$2,000,000 for the repair of the two steam locomotives used on the Nevada Northern Railroad, the replacement of the wye switch, and the renovation of the Nevada Northern Track.

 Sec. 4. Any remaining balance of the appropriation made by section 2
- of this act must not be committed for expenditure after June 30, 2005, and reverts to the state general fund as soon as all payments of money committed have been made.
 - **Sec. 5.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.



