

SENATE BILL NO. 425—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Authorizes the Nevada Gaming Commission to establish a study group relating to pari-mutuel wagering. (BDR 41-1111)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to gaming; authorizing the Nevada Gaming Commission to establish a study group relating to pari-mutuel wagering; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

1 Existing law prohibits a person who is licensed to engage in off-track pari-
2 mutuel wagering from: (1) accepting less than the full face value of an off-track
3 pari-mutuel wager; (2) agreeing to refund or rebate a portion or percentage of the
4 full face value of an off-track pari-mutuel wager; or (3) increasing the payoff of or
5 paying a bonus on a winning off-track pari-mutuel wager. (NRS 464.075) This bill
6 authorizes the Nevada Gaming Commission to establish a study group to review
7 issues relating to the offering of rebates or pari-mutuel wagers, including the
8 feasibility of: (1) accepting less than the full face value of an off-track pari-mutuel
9 wager; (2) agreeing to refund or rebate a portion or percentage of the full face value
10 of an off-track pari-mutuel wager; and (3) increasing the payoff of or paying a
11 bonus on a winning off-track pari-mutuel wager.

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

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)

2 **Sec. 2.** (Deleted by amendment.)

3 **Sec. 3.** NRS 464.075 is hereby amended to read as follows:

4 464.075 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, a
5 person who is licensed to engage in off-track pari-mutuel wagering
6 shall not:



(a) Accept from a patron less than the full face value of an off-track pari-mutuel wager;

(b) Agree to refund or rebate to a patron any portion or percentage of the full face value of an off-track pari-mutuel wager; or

(c) Increase the payoff of, or pay a bonus on, a winning off-track pari-mutuel wager.

2. A person who is licensed to engage in off-track pari-mutuel wagering and who:

(a) Attempts to evade the provisions of subsection 1 by offering to a patron a wager that is not posted and offered to all patrons; or

(b) Otherwise violates the provisions of subsection 1, is subject to the investigatory and disciplinary proceedings that are set forth in NRS 463.310 to 463.318, inclusive, and shall be punished as provided in those sections.

3. The Nevada Gaming Commission shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of subsections 1 and 2. ~~tof this section.~~

4. The Nevada Gaming Commission may, by regulation, exempt certain bets, refunds, rebates, payoffs or bonuses from the provisions of subsection 1 if the Commission determines that such exemptions are in the best interests of the State of Nevada and licensed gaming in this state. Any bets, refunds, rebates, payoffs or bonuses that would result in the amount of such bets, refunds, rebates, payoffs or bonuses being directly or indirectly deductible from gross revenue may not be exempt.

5. The Commission may establish and appoint a study group to review issues relating to the offering of rebates on pari-mutuel wagers. The study group may:

(a) Be comprised of the members of the Off-Track Pari-Mutuel Wagering Committee established pursuant to NRS 464.020 and any other operators of a race book.

(b) Evaluate the feasibility of:

(1) Accepting less than the full face value of an off-track pari-mutuel wager;

(2) Agreeing to refund or rebate a portion or percentage of the full face value of an off-track pari-mutuel wager; or

(3) Increasing the payoff of or paying a bonus on a winning off-track pari-mutuel wager.

6. The Commission may consider any findings by the study group appointed pursuant to subsection 5 in determining whether to adopt regulations to exempt bets, refunds, rebates, payoffs or bonuses from the provisions of subsection 1.

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

