

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1291

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Labor, Commerce, Research & Development, March 15, 2007

Title: An act relating to advance deposit wagering.

Brief Description: Allowing advance deposit wagering to continue beyond October 1, 2007.

Sponsors: Representatives Quall, Priest, Wood, Condotta, Moeller, Conway and Simpson; by request of Horse Racing Commission.

Brief History: Passed House: 2/05/07, 91-4.

Committee Activity: Labor, Commerce, Research & Development: 3/15/07 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, COMMERCE, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Kohl-Welles, Chair; Keiser, Vice Chair; Clements, Ranking Minority Member; Franklin and Holmquist.

Staff: Kathleen Buchli (786-7488)

Background: Advance deposit wagering is a form of parimutuel wagering in which an individual deposits money in an account with an entity authorized by the Horse Racing Commission to conduct advance deposit wagering. The account funds are then used to pay for parimutuel wagers made in person, by telephone, or through communication by other electronic means. An entity offering advance deposit wagering on horse racing: (1) is prohibited from extending credit to participants; (2) must verify the identity, residence, and age of a person establishing an account; and (3) may not allow anyone under the age of 21 to open, own, or have access to an advance deposit wagering account.

Three groups are licensed by the Commission to conduct advance deposit wagering in the state.

Summary of Bill: The statute's expiration date is deleted. Advance deposit wagering may continue on and after October 1, 2007.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: There have been no problems with advance deposit wagering since its enactment. This bill is supported by all class C tracks. Advance deposit wagering brings in money to the horse racing industry. There will be adverse economic consequences to this industry if advance deposit wagering does not continue.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Carol Smith-Mervulov, Robert Leichner, Horse Racing Commission; Jim Halstrom, Northwest Racing, Emerald Downs; Susie Sourwine, Northwest Racing, Emerald Downs.