

AMENDMENTS TO LB561

Introduced by General Affairs.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. Section 2-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2020, is amended to read:

5           2-1201 (1) There hereby is created a State Racing and Gaming  
6 Commission. For purposes of sections 2-1201 to 2-1229, commission means  
7 the State Racing and Gaming Commission.

8           ~~(2) Until July 15, 2010, the commission shall consist of three~~  
9 ~~members who shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to~~  
10 ~~confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature and~~  
11 ~~may be for cause removed by the Governor. One member shall be appointed~~  
12 ~~each year for a term of three years. The members shall serve until their~~  
13 ~~successors are appointed and qualified.~~

14           (2) The ~~(3) On and after July 15, 2010,~~ the commission shall consist  
15 of seven ~~five~~ members who shall be appointed by the Governor and subject  
16 to confirmation by a majority of the members elected to the Legislature  
17 and may be for cause removed by the Governor. One member of the  
18 commission shall be appointed from each congressional district, as such  
19 districts existed on January 1, 2010, and four ~~two~~ members of the  
20 commission shall be appointed at large for terms as follows:

21           (a) The member representing the second congressional district who is  
22 appointed on or after April 1, 2010, shall serve until March 31, 2014,  
23 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the  
24 term of the member representing such district shall be four years and  
25 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified;

26           (b) The member representing the third congressional district who is  
27 appointed on or after April 1, 2011, shall serve until March 31, 2015,

1 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the  
2 term of the member representing such district shall be four years and  
3 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified;

4 (c) The member representing the first congressional district who is  
5 appointed on or after April 1, 2012, shall serve until March 31, 2016,  
6 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the  
7 term of the member representing such district shall be four years and  
8 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified;

9 (d) Not later than sixty days after July 15, 2010, the Governor  
10 shall appoint one at-large member who shall serve until March 31, 2013,  
11 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the  
12 term of such member shall be four years and until his or her successor is  
13 appointed and qualified;~~and~~

14 (e) Not later than sixty days after July 15, 2010, the Governor  
15 shall appoint one at-large member who shall serve until March 31, 2014,  
16 and until his or her successor is appointed and qualified. Thereafter the  
17 term of such member shall be four years and until his or her successor is  
18 appointed and qualified; and -

19 (f) Not later than sixty days after the effective date of this act,  
20 the Governor shall appoint two additional at-large members who shall  
21 serve until March 31, 2025, and until their successors are appointed and  
22 qualified. One of such members shall have experience in the Nebraska  
23 gaming industry, and one shall be a member of the organization  
24 representing the majority of licensed owners and trainers of horses at  
25 racetracks in Nebraska. Thereafter the terms of such at-large members  
26 shall be four years and until their successors are appointed and  
27 qualified.

28 (4) Not more than four ~~three~~ members of the commission shall belong  
29 to the same political party. No more than three ~~two~~ of the members shall  
30 reside, when appointed, in the same congressional district. No more than  
31 two of the members shall reside in any one county. Any vacancy shall be

1 filled by appointment by the Governor for the unexpired term. The  
2 compensation of the members of the commission shall be one thousand  
3 dollars per month, which may be adjusted every two years in an amount not  
4 to exceed the change in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners  
5 and Clerical Workers for the period between June 30 of the first year to  
6 June 30 of the year of adjustment. The members shall ~~serve without~~  
7 ~~compensation~~ but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the  
8 performance of their duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.  
9 The members of the commission shall be bonded or insured as required by  
10 section 11-201.

11 (5) No member shall have any personal financial interest in any  
12 licensed racetrack enclosure or authorized gaming operator as defined in  
13 the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act for the duration of the member's term.

14 Sec. 2. Section 2-1201.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
15 amended to read:

16 2-1201.01 The purpose of the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ is  
17 to provide statewide regulation of horseracing and games of chance as  
18 defined in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act in order to prevent and  
19 eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby maintain  
20 a high level of integrity and honesty in the horseracing industry of  
21 Nebraska and the operation of games of chance in Nebraska, and to insure  
22 that all funds received by the commission are properly distributed.

23 Sec. 3. Section 2-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
24 amended to read:

25 2-1202 (1) The commission shall elect one of its members to be  
26 chairperson ~~chairman~~ thereof, and it shall be authorized to employ an  
27 executive director ~~a secretary~~ and such other assistants and employees as  
28 may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 2-1201 to 2-1218,  
29 the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, and sections 1 to 9 of Initiative Law  
30 2020, No. 431, and section 47 of this act. Such executive director  
31 secretary shall have no other official duties. The executive director

1 secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the commission,  
2 preserve the books, records, and documents entrusted to the executive  
3 director his care, and perform such other duties as the commission shall  
4 prescribe; and the commission shall require the executive director  
5 secretary to give bond in such sum as it may fix, conditioned for the  
6 faithful performance of the his duties of the executive director. The  
7 commission shall be authorized to fix the compensation of the executive  
8 director its secretary, and also the compensation of its other employees,  
9 subject to the approval of the Governor. The commission shall have an  
10 office at such place within the state as it may determine, and shall meet  
11 at such times and places as it shall find necessary and convenient for  
12 the discharge of its duties.

13 (2) The commission shall appoint or employ deputies, investigators,  
14 inspectors, agents, security personnel, and other persons as deemed  
15 necessary to administer and effectively enforce the regulation of  
16 horseracing, the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, sections 1 to 9 of  
17 Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, and section 47 of this act. Any appointed  
18 or employed personnel shall perform the duties assigned by the  
19 commission.

20 (3) All personnel appointed or employed by the commission shall be  
21 bonded or insured as required by section 11-201. As specified by the  
22 commission, certain personnel shall be vested with the authority and  
23 power of a law enforcement officer to carry out the laws of this state  
24 administered by the commission.

25 Sec. 4. Section 2-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
26 2020, is amended to read:

27 2-1203 The commission State Racing Commission shall have power to  
28 prescribe and enforce rules and regulations governing horseraces and race  
29 meetings licensed as provided in sections 2-1201 to 2-1229 and games of  
30 chance as provided in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act. Such rules and  
31 regulations shall contain criteria to be used by the commission for

1 decisions on approving and revoking track licenses and setting racing  
2 dates.

3 The commission may revoke or suspend licenses issued to racing  
4 industry participants and may, in lieu of or in addition to such  
5 suspension or revocation, impose a fine in an amount not to exceed five  
6 thousand dollars upon a finding that a rule or regulation has been  
7 violated by a licensed racing industry participant. The exact amount of  
8 the fine shall be proportional to the seriousness of the violation and  
9 the extent to which the licensee derived financial gain as a result of  
10 the violation.

11 The commission may delegate to a board of stewards such of the  
12 commission's powers and duties as may be necessary to carry out and  
13 effectuate the purposes of sections 2-1201 to 2-1229.

14 Any decision or action of such board of stewards may be appealed to  
15 the commission or may be reviewed by the commission on its own  
16 initiative. The board of stewards may impose a fine not to exceed fifteen  
17 hundred dollars upon a finding that a rule or regulation has been  
18 violated.

19 The commission shall remit administrative fines collected under this  
20 section to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with  
21 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

22 The commission shall have the authority to issue directives without  
23 having to comply with the terms of the Administrative Procedure Act  
24 relating to the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations.

25 Sec. 5. Section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
26 2018, as amended by section 7, Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, is amended  
27 to read:

28 2-1203.01 The commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ shall:

29 (1) Enforce all state laws covering horseracing as required by  
30 sections 2-1201 to 2-1229 and enforce rules and regulations covering  
31 horseracing adopted and promulgated by the commission under the authority

1 of section 2-1203;

2 (2) License racing industry participants, race officials, mutuel  
3 employees, concessionaires, and such other persons as deemed necessary by  
4 the commission if the license applicants meet eligibility standards  
5 established by the commission;

6 (3) Prescribe and enforce security provisions, including, but not  
7 limited to, the restricted access to areas within track enclosures and  
8 backstretch areas, and prohibitions against misconduct or corrupt  
9 practices;

10 (4) Determine or cause to be determined by chemical testing and  
11 analysis of body fluids whether or not any prohibited substance has been  
12 administered to the winning horse of each race and any other horse  
13 selected by the board of stewards;

14 (5) Verify the certification of horses registered as being Nebraska-  
15 bred under section 2-1213; and

16 (6) Collect and verify the amount of revenue received by the  
17 commission under section 2-1208. ~~;~~ and

18 ~~(7) Serve as ex officio members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission,~~  
19 ~~and perform the duties set forth in the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.~~

20 Sec. 6. Section 2-1203.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22 2-1203.02 (1) Any person applying for or holding a license to  
23 participate in or be employed at a horserace meeting licensed by the  
24 commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ shall be subject to fingerprinting and  
25 a check of his or her criminal history record information maintained by  
26 the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for  
27 the purpose of determining whether the commission has a basis to deny the  
28 license application or to suspend, cancel, or revoke the person's  
29 license, except that the commission shall not require a person to be  
30 fingerprinted if such person has been previously fingerprinted in  
31 connection with a license application in this state or any other state

1 within the last five years prior to the application for such license. Any  
2 person involved in the administration or management of a racetrack,  
3 including the governing body, shall be subject to fingerprinting and a  
4 check of his or her criminal history record information maintained by the  
5 Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The  
6 applicant, licensee, or person involved in the administration or  
7 management of a racetrack shall pay the actual cost of any fingerprinting  
8 or check of his or her criminal history record information. The  
9 requirements of this subsection shall not apply to employees of  
10 concessions who do not work in restricted-access areas, admissions  
11 employees whose duties involve only admissions ticket sales and  
12 verification or parking receipts sales and verification, and medical or  
13 emergency services personnel authorized to provide such services at the  
14 racetrack.

15 (2) If the applicant is an individual who is applying for a license  
16 to participate in or be employed at a horserace meeting, the application  
17 shall include the applicant's social security number.

18 Sec. 7. Section 2-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 2-1204 The Nebraska State Fair Board, a county fair board, a county  
21 agricultural society for the improvement of agriculture organized under  
22 the County Agricultural Society Act, or a corporation or association of  
23 persons organized and carried on for civic purposes or which conducts a  
24 livestock exposition for the promotion of the livestock or horse-breeding  
25 industries of the state and which does not permit its members to derive  
26 personal profit from its activities by way of dividends or otherwise may  
27 apply to the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ for a license to conduct  
28 horseracing at a designated place within the state. Such application  
29 shall be filed with the executive director ~~secretary~~ of the commission at  
30 least sixty days before the first day of the horserace meeting which such  
31 corporation or association proposes to hold or conduct, shall specify the

1 day or days when and the exact location where it is proposed to conduct  
2 such racing, and shall be in such form and contain such information as  
3 the commission shall prescribe.

4 Sec. 8. Section 2-1207, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
5 2020, is amended to read:

6 2-1207 (1) Within the enclosure of any racetrack where a race or  
7 race meeting licensed and conducted under sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 is  
8 held or at a racetrack licensed to simulcast races or conduct interstate  
9 simulcasting, the parimutuel method or system of wagering on the results  
10 of the respective races may be used and conducted by the licensee. Under  
11 such system, the licensee may receive wagers of money from any person  
12 present at such race or racetrack receiving the simulcast race or  
13 conducting interstate simulcasting on any horse in a race selected by  
14 such person to run first in such race, and the person so wagering shall  
15 acquire an interest in the total money so wagered on all horses in such  
16 race as first winners in proportion to the amount of money wagered by him  
17 or her. Such licensee shall issue to each person so wagering a  
18 certificate on which shall be shown the number of the race, the amount  
19 wagered, and the number or name of the horse selected by such person as  
20 first winner. As each race is run, at the option of the licensee, the  
21 licensee may deduct from the total sum wagered on all horses as first  
22 winners not less than fifteen percent or more than eighteen percent from  
23 such total sum, plus the odd cents of the redistribution over the next  
24 lower multiple of ten. At the option of the licensee, the licensee may  
25 deduct up to and including twenty-five percent from the total sum wagered  
26 by exotic wagers as defined in section 2-1208.03. The commission State  
27 ~~Racing Commission~~ may authorize other levels of deduction on wagers  
28 conducted by means of interstate simulcasting. The licensee shall notify  
29 the commission in writing of the percentages the licensee intends to  
30 deduct during the live race meet conducted by the licensee and shall  
31 notify the commission at least one week in advance of any changes to such



1 percentages the licensee intends to make. The licensee shall also deduct  
2 from the total sum wagered by exotic wagers, if any, the tax plus the odd  
3 cents of the redistribution over the next multiple of ten as provided in  
4 subsection (1) of section 2-1208.04. The balance remaining on hand shall  
5 be paid out to the holders of certificates on the winning horse in the  
6 proportion that the amount wagered by each certificate holder bears to  
7 the total amount wagered on all horses in such race to run first. The  
8 licensee may likewise receive such wagers on horses selected to run  
9 second, third, or both, or in such combinations as the commission may  
10 authorize, the method, procedure, and authority and right of the  
11 licensee, as well as the deduction allowed to the licensee, to be as  
12 specified with respect to wagers upon horses selected to run first.

13 (2) At all race meets held pursuant to this section, the licensee  
14 shall deduct from the total sum wagered one-third of the amount over  
15 fifteen percent deducted pursuant to subsection (1) of this section on  
16 wagers on horses selected to run first, second, or third and one percent  
17 of all exotic wagers to be used to promote agriculture and horse breeding  
18 in Nebraska and for the support and preservation of horseracing pursuant  
19 to section 2-1207.01.

20 (3) No person under twenty-one ~~nineteen~~ years of age shall be  
21 permitted to make any parimutuel wager, and there shall be no wagering on  
22 horseracing except under the parimutuel method outlined in this section.  
23 Any person, association, or corporation who knowingly aids or abets a  
24 person under twenty-one ~~nineteen~~ years of age in making a parimutuel  
25 wager shall be guilty of a Class I ~~IV~~ misdemeanor.

26 Sec. 9. Section 2-1207.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
27 amended to read:

28 2-1207.01 The amount deducted from wagers pursuant to subsection (2)  
29 of section 2-1207 may be used to promote agriculture and horsebreeding in  
30 Nebraska and shall be distributed as purse supplements and breeder and  
31 stallion awards for Nebraska-bred horses, as defined and registered

1 pursuant to section 2-1213, at the racetrack where the funds were  
2 generated, except that if a racetrack does not continue to conduct live  
3 race meets, amounts deducted may be distributed as purse supplements and  
4 breeder and stallion awards at racetracks that conduct live race meets  
5 and amounts deducted pursuant to a contract with the organization  
6 representing the majority of the licensed owners and trainers at the  
7 racetrack's most recent live race meet shall be used by that organization  
8 to promote live thoroughbred horseracing in the state or as purse  
9 supplements at racetracks that conduct live race meets in the state. Any  
10 costs incurred by the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ pursuant to this  
11 section and subsection (2) of section 2-1207 shall be separately  
12 accounted for and be deducted from such funds.

13 Sec. 10. Section 2-1208, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
14 2020, is amended to read:

15 2-1208 For all race meetings, every corporation or association  
16 licensed under the provisions of sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 relating to  
17 horseracing shall pay the tax imposed by section 2-1208.01 and shall also  
18 pay to the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ the sum of sixty-four one  
19 hundredths of one percent of the gross sum wagered by the parimutuel  
20 method at each licensed racetrack enclosure during the calendar year. For  
21 race meetings devoted principally to running live races, the licensee  
22 shall pay to the commission the sum of fifty dollars for each live racing  
23 day that the licensee serves as the host track for intrastate  
24 simulcasting and twenty-five dollars for any other live racing day.

25 No other license tax, permit tax, occupation tax, or excise tax or  
26 racing fee, except as provided in this section and in sections 2-1203 and  
27 2-1208.01, relating to horseracing shall be levied, assessed, or  
28 collected from any such licensee by the state or by any county, township,  
29 district, city, village, or other governmental subdivision or body having  
30 power to levy, assess, or collect any such tax or fee.

31 Sec. 11. Section 2-1208.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 2-1208.03 For purposes of sections 2-1208.03 and 2-1208.04, unless  
3 the context otherwise requires:

4 (1) Exotic wagers shall mean daily double, exacta, quinella,  
5 trifecta, pick six, and other similar types of bets which are approved by  
6 the State Racing Commission;

7 (2) Gross exotic daily receipts shall mean the total sum of all  
8 money wagered, on a daily basis, by means of exotic wagers at race meets;

9 (3) Race meet shall mean any exhibition of racing of horses at which  
10 the parimutuel or certificate method of wagering is used;

11 (4) Racetrack shall mean any racetrack licensed by the commission  
12 ~~State Racing Commission~~ to conduct race meets; and

13 (5) Recipient track shall mean a racetrack with a total annual  
14 parimutuel handle, based on the previous racing year, of twelve million  
15 dollars or less.

16 Sec. 12. Section 2-1208.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 2-1208.04 (1) Racetracks shall separately account for their gross  
19 exotic daily receipts. For all meets commencing after July 16, 1994, any  
20 racetrack that had for its previous race meet a total parimutuel handle  
21 of less than fifty million dollars shall withhold an amount equal to one-  
22 half of one percent of such receipts and any racetrack that had for its  
23 previous race meet a total parimutuel handle of fifty million dollars or  
24 more shall withhold an amount equal to one percent of such receipts,  
25 except that for all meets commencing on or after January 1, 1995, each  
26 racetrack shall withhold an amount equal to one-fourth of one percent of  
27 such receipts, which amount shall be deducted from purses at the  
28 withholding track. Such amount withheld shall be paid to the commission  
29 ~~State Racing Commission~~ on the last day of each month during each race  
30 meeting for deposit in the Track Distribution Fund, which fund is hereby  
31 created.

1           (2) The fund shall be distributed monthly to recipient racetracks  
2 which conduct wagering by the parimutuel method on thoroughbred  
3 horseracing. Such racetracks shall receive the percentage which the total  
4 number of days of horseraces run at such racetrack in the year of  
5 distribution bears to the total number of days of horseraces run at all  
6 such racetracks in the year of distribution. Before January 1, 1995, one-  
7 half of the amount received under this subsection by a racetrack shall be  
8 used to supplement purses at the track, and on and after January 1, 1995,  
9 the entire amount received by a racetrack shall be used to supplement  
10 purses at the track.

11           (3) Any money in the Track Distribution Fund available for  
12 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
13 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
14 Investment Act. Any money in the fund which is not distributed at the end  
15 of the calendar year shall be available for expenditure by the commission  
16 to defray its expenses pursuant to section 2-1209.

17           (4) The assessment required by this section shall be in addition to  
18 the assessments, taxes, and fees required by Chapter 2, article 12.

19           Sec. 13. Section 2-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
20 amended to read:

21           2-1209 Out of the funds received pursuant to section 2-1208, the  
22 expenses of the commissioners, the compensation and reasonable expenses  
23 of the executive director ~~secretary~~, assistants, and employees, and the  
24 other reasonable expenses of the commission related to the regulation of  
25 horseracing ~~State Racing Commission~~, including suitable furniture,  
26 equipment, supplies, and office expenses, shall first be paid. The  
27 ~~commission shall maintain a reserve fund balance which shall not exceed~~  
28 ~~ten percent of the appropriation for the commission for the calendar~~  
29 ~~year. If the commission has unexpended funds in excess of its~~  
30 ~~appropriation and authorized reserve fund balance at the end of the~~  
31 ~~calendar year, such funds shall be credited to the General Fund. Sums~~

1 paid out by the commission shall be subject to the general policy for  
2 disbursement of funds by agencies of the state, including regular audit.

3 Sec. 14. Section 2-1211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 2-1211 Every corporation or association licensed under sections  
6 2-1201 to 2-1218 shall so keep its books and records as to clearly show  
7 the total number of admissions to races conducted by it on each racing  
8 day, including the number of admissions upon free passes or complimentary  
9 tickets, and the amount received daily from admission fees and the total  
10 amount of money wagered during the race meeting, including wagers at  
11 locations to which its races were simulcast and at races which it  
12 received via simulcast from other racetracks, and shall furnish to the  
13 commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ such reports and information as it may  
14 require with respect thereto. At the end of each race meeting, the  
15 licensee shall furnish to the commission and the Governor a complete  
16 audit by a certified public accountant detailing all expenses and  
17 disbursements. Such audit shall be in the form specified by the  
18 commission and shall be filed on or before February 1 following such  
19 meet.

20 Sec. 15. Section 2-1213, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22 2-1213 (1)(a) No racing under sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 shall be  
23 permitted on Sunday except when approved by a majority of the members of  
24 the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ upon application for approval by  
25 any racetrack. Such approval shall be given after the commission has  
26 considered: (i) Whether Sunday racing at the applicant track will tend to  
27 promote and encourage agriculture and horse breeding in Nebraska; (ii)  
28 whether the applicant track operates under a license granted by the  
29 commission; (iii) whether the applicant track is in compliance with all  
30 applicable health, safety, fire, and police rules and regulations or  
31 ordinances; (iv) whether the denial of Sunday racing at the applicant

1 track would impair such track's economic ability to continue to function  
2 under its license; and (v) whether the record of the public hearing held  
3 on the issue of Sunday racing at the applicant track shows reasonable  
4 public support. Notice of such public hearing shall be given at least ten  
5 days prior thereto by publication in a newspaper having general  
6 circulation in the county in which the applicant track is operating, and  
7 the commission shall conduct a public hearing in such county. The  
8 commission may adopt, promulgate, and enforce rules and regulations  
9 governing the application and approval for Sunday racing in addition to  
10 its powers in section 2-1203. If the commission permits racing on Sunday,  
11 the voters may prohibit such racing in the manner prescribed in section  
12 2-1213.01. If approval by the commission for Sunday racing at the  
13 applicant track is granted, no racing shall occur on Sunday until after 1  
14 p.m.

15 (b) No license shall be granted for racing on more than one  
16 racetrack in any one county, except that the commission may, in its  
17 discretion, grant a license to any county agricultural society to conduct  
18 racing during its county fair notwithstanding a license may have been  
19 issued for racing on another track in such county.

20 (c) Since the purpose of sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 is to encourage  
21 agriculture and horse breeding in Nebraska, every licensee shall hold at  
22 least one race on each racing day limited to Nebraska-bred horses,  
23 including thoroughbreds or quarter horses. Three percent of the first  
24 money of every purse won by a Nebraska-bred horse shall be paid to the  
25 breeder of such horse. Beginning September 1, 2005, through January 1,  
26 2008, each licensee who holds a license for quarter horseracing shall,  
27 for each live racing day, give preference to Nebraska-bred quarter horses  
28 in at least one race in lieu of the requirements of this subdivision.

29 (2) For purposes of this section, Nebraska-bred horse shall mean a  
30 horse registered with the Nebraska Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse Registry  
31 and meeting the following requirements: (a) It shall have been foaled in

1 Nebraska; (b) its dam shall have been registered, prior to foaling, with  
2 the Nebraska Thoroughbred or Quarter Horse Registry; and (c) its dam  
3 shall have been continuously in Nebraska for ninety days immediately  
4 prior to foaling, except that such ninety-day period may be reduced to  
5 thirty days in the case of a mare in foal which is purchased at a  
6 nationally recognized thoroughbred or quarter horse blood stock sale, the  
7 name and pedigree of the mare being listed in the sale catalog, and which  
8 is brought into this state and remains in this state for thirty days  
9 immediately prior to foaling.

10 The requirement that a dam shall be continuously in Nebraska for  
11 either ninety days or thirty days, as specified in subdivision (2)(c) of  
12 this section, shall not apply to a dam which is taken outside of Nebraska  
13 to be placed for sale at a nationally recognized thoroughbred or quarter  
14 horse blood stock sale, the name and pedigree of the mare being listed in  
15 the sale catalog, or for the treatment of an extreme sickness or injury,  
16 if written notice of such proposed sale or treatment is provided to the  
17 secretary of the commission within three days of the date such horse is  
18 taken out of the state.

19 The commission may designate official registrars for the purpose of  
20 registration and to certify the eligibility of Nebraska-bred horses. An  
21 official registrar shall perform such duties in accordance with policies  
22 and procedures adopted and promulgated by the commission in the current  
23 rules and regulations of the commission. The commission may authorize the  
24 official registrar to collect specific fees as would reasonably  
25 compensate the registrar for expenses incurred in connection with  
26 registration of Nebraska-bred horses. The amount of such fee or fees  
27 shall be established by the commission and shall not be changed without  
28 commission approval. Fees shall not exceed one hundred dollars per horse.

29 Any decision or action taken by the official registrar shall be  
30 subject to review by the commission or may be taken up by the commission  
31 on its own initiative.

1           Sec. 16. Section 2-1215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3           2-1215 Any person, corporation, or association holding or conducting  
4 any horserace or horserace meeting in connection with which the said  
5 parimutuel system of wagering is used or to be used, without a license  
6 duly issued by the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~; or any person,  
7 corporation, or association holding or conducting horseraces or horserace  
8 meetings in connection with which any wagering is permitted otherwise  
9 than in the manner ~~hereinbefore~~ specified in sections 2-1201 to 2-1218;  
10 or any person, corporation, or association violating any of the  
11 provisions of sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 or any of the rules and  
12 regulations prescribed by the commission, shall be guilty of a Class I  
13 misdemeanor.

14           Sec. 17. Section 2-1216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
15 2020, is amended to read:

16           2-1216 The parimutuel system of wagering on the results of  
17 horseraces, when conducted within the racetrack enclosure at licensed  
18 horserace meetings, shall not under any circumstances be held or  
19 construed to be unlawful, any other statutes of the State of Nebraska to  
20 the contrary notwithstanding. The money inuring to the commission ~~State  
21 Racing Commission~~ under sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 relating to  
22 horseracing, from permit fees or from other sources shall never be  
23 considered as license money. It is the intention of the Legislature that  
24 the funds arising under such sections be construed as general revenue to  
25 be appropriated and allocated exclusively for the specific purposes set  
26 forth in such sections.

27           Sec. 18. Section 2-1217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:

29           2-1217 It shall be unlawful for any person to use, or permit to be  
30 used a narcotic of any kind to stimulate or retard any horse that is to  
31 run in a race in this state to which the provisions of sections 2-1201 to



1 2-1218 apply, or for a person having the control of such horse and  
2 knowledge of such stimulation or retardation to allow it to run in any  
3 such race. The owners of such horse, and their agents or employees shall  
4 permit any member of the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ or any person  
5 appointed by the said commission for that purpose to make such tests as  
6 the commission deems proper in order to determine whether any such animal  
7 has been so stimulated or retarded. The findings of the said commission  
8 that a horse has been stimulated or retarded by a narcotic or narcotics  
9 shall be prima facie evidence of such fact.

10 Sec. 19. Section 2-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 2-1219 (1) When any matter comes before the commission ~~State Racing~~  
13 ~~Commission~~ that may cause financial benefit or detriment to a member of  
14 the commission, a member of his or her immediate family, or a business  
15 with which the member is associated, which is distinguishable from the  
16 effects of such matter on the public generally or a broad segment of the  
17 public, such member shall take the following actions as soon as he or she  
18 is aware of such potential conflict or should reasonably be aware of such  
19 potential conflict, whichever is sooner:

20 (a) Prepare a written statement describing the matter requiring  
21 action or decision and the nature of the potential conflict;

22 (b) Deliver a copy of the statement to the executive director  
23 ~~secretary~~ of the commission; and

24 (c) Recuse himself or herself from taking any action or making any  
25 decision relating to such matter in the discharge of his or her official  
26 duties as a member of the commission.

27 (2) No horse in which any employee of the commission ~~State Racing~~  
28 ~~Commission~~ has any interest shall be raced at any meet under the  
29 jurisdiction of the commission.

30 (3) No employee of the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ shall have  
31 a pecuniary interest or engage in any private employment in a profession

1 or business which is regulated by or interferes or conflicts with the  
2 performance or proper discharge of the duties of the commission.

3 (4) No employee of the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ shall  
4 wager or cause a wager to be placed on the outcome of any race at a race  
5 meeting which is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the  
6 commission.

7 (5) No employee of the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ shall have  
8 a pecuniary interest or engage in any private employment in a business  
9 which does business with any racing association licensed by the  
10 commission or in any business issued a concession operator license by the  
11 commission.

12 (6) Any commission employee violating this section shall forfeit his  
13 or her employment.

14 (7) The commission shall include in its rules and regulations  
15 prohibitions against actual or potential specific conflicts of interest  
16 on the part of racing officials and other individuals licensed by the  
17 commission.

18 Sec. 20. Section 2-1221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
19 2020, is amended to read:

20 2-1221 Except as provided in section 2-1207, whoever directly or  
21 indirectly accepts anything of value to be wagered or to be transmitted  
22 or delivered for wager in any parimutuel system of wagering on horseraces  
23 or delivers anything of value which has been received outside of the  
24 enclosure of a racetrack holding a race meet licensed under sections  
25 2-1201 to 2-1247 to be placed as wagers in the parimutuel pool within  
26 such enclosure shall be guilty of a Class I ~~II~~ misdemeanor.

27 Sec. 21. Section 2-1222, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
28 2020, is amended to read:

29 2-1222 There is hereby created the Racing and Gaming Commission's  
30 Cash Fund from which shall be appropriated such amounts as are available  
31 therefrom and as shall be considered incident to the administration of

1 horseracing by the State Racing and Gaming Commission's office. The fund  
2 shall contain all license fees and gross receipt taxes collected by the  
3 commission as provided under sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, and 2-1208  
4 relating to horseracing but shall not include taxes collected pursuant to  
5 section 2-1208.01, and such fees and taxes collected shall be remitted to  
6 the State Treasurer for credit to the Racing and Gaming Commission's Cash  
7 Fund. Money in the fund may be transferred to the General Fund at the  
8 direction of the Legislature. The State Treasurer shall transfer one  
9 hundred fifty thousand dollars from the fund to the General Fund on or  
10 before June 15, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by  
11 the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
12 Administrative Services. Any money in the Racing and Gaming Commission's  
13 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state  
14 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the  
15 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

16 Sec. 22. Section 2-1224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 2-1224 (1) The Legislature finds that:

19 (a) The horseracing, horse breeding, and parimutuel wagering  
20 industry is an important sector of the agricultural economy of the state,  
21 provides substantial revenue for state and local governments, and employs  
22 many residents of the state;

23 (b) The simultaneous telecast of live audio and visual signals of  
24 horseraces conducted within the state on which parimutuel betting is  
25 permitted holds the potential to strengthen and further these economic  
26 contributions and it is in the best interest of the state to permit such  
27 live telecasts;

28 (c) Permitting parimutuel wagering on the results of horseracing  
29 conducted at racetracks outside the state also holds the potential to  
30 strengthen and further these economic contributions and it is in the best  
31 interest of the state to permit such wagering; and

1 (d) No simulcast or interstate simulcast shall be authorized which  
2 would jeopardize present live racing, horse breeding, or employment  
3 opportunities or which would infringe on current operations or markets of  
4 the racetracks which generate significant revenue for local governments  
5 in the state.

6 (2) The Legislature hereby authorizes the telecasts of horseraces  
7 conducted within the state on which parimutuel wagering shall be  
8 permitted and interstate simulcasting under rules and regulations adopted  
9 and promulgated by the commission ~~State Racing Commission~~ in the manner  
10 and subject to the conditions provided in sections 2-1207 and 2-1224 to  
11 2-1229.

12 Sec. 23. Section 2-1225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
13 amended to read:

14 2-1225 For purposes of sections 2-1207 and 2-1224 to 2-1229, unless  
15 the context otherwise requires:

16 (1) Commission shall mean the State Racing and Gaming Commission;

17 (2) Interstate simulcast shall mean parimutuel wagering at any  
18 licensed racetrack within the state on the results of any horserace  
19 conducted outside the state;

20 (3) Licensed horserace meeting shall include, but not be limited to,  
21 licensed racetracks at which simulcasts or interstate simulcasts are  
22 conducted;

23 (4) Operator shall mean any licensee issued a license under sections  
24 2-1201 to 2-1223 operating a simulcast facility in accordance with  
25 sections 2-1224 to 2-1229;

26 (5) Receiving track shall mean any track which displays a simulcast  
27 which originates from another track or which conducts interstate  
28 simulcasts;

29 (6) Sending track shall mean any track from which a simulcast or  
30 interstate simulcast originates;

31 (7) Simulcast shall mean the telecast of live audio and visual

1 signals of any horserace conducted in the state for the purpose of  
2 parimutuel wagering;

3 (8) Simulcast facility shall mean a facility within the state which  
4 is authorized to display simulcasts for parimutuel wagering purposes  
5 under sections 2-1224 to 2-1227 or to conduct interstate simulcasts under  
6 sections 2-1228 and 2-1229; and

7 (9) Track shall mean the grounds or enclosures within which  
8 horseraces are conducted by licensees authorized to conduct such races in  
9 accordance with sections 2-1201 to 2-1223.

10 Sec. 24. Section 2-1244, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 2-1244 For purposes of sections 2-1243 to 2-1246, horseracing  
13 industry participant shall mean an individual who currently holds a valid  
14 license for purposes of conducting horseracing from the State Racing and  
15 Gaming Commission and who owns, trains, cares for, or rides horses  
16 stabled at a Nebraska-licensed racetrack for the purpose of horseracing  
17 at the live race meeting at such racetrack.

18 Sec. 25. Section 2-1246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 2-1246 (1) The State Racing and Gaming Commission shall adopt and  
21 promulgate rules and regulations which provide for dismissal, license  
22 revocation or suspension, fines, or other suitable penalties necessary to  
23 enforce sections 2-1243 to 2-1245.

24 (2) Nothing in such sections shall affect in any way the right of  
25 any horseracing industry participant to bring any action in any  
26 appropriate forum for the violation of any law of this state or any rule  
27 of racing.

28 Sec. 26. Section 2-1247, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
29 amended to read:

30 2-1247 The Interstate Compact on Licensure of Participants in Horse  
31 Racing with Pari-Mutuel Wagering is hereby enacted into law and entered

1 into with all other jurisdictions legally joining therein, in the form  
2 substantially as follows:

3 ARTICLE I. PURPOSES

4 Section 1. Purposes.

5 The purposes of this compact are to:

6 1. Establish uniform requirements among the party states for the  
7 licensing of participants in live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering,  
8 and ensure that all such participants who are licensed pursuant to this  
9 compact meet a uniform minimum standard of honesty and integrity.

10 2. Facilitate the growth of the horse racing industry in each party  
11 state and nationwide by simplifying the process for licensing  
12 participants in live racing, and reduce the duplicative and costly  
13 process of separate licensing by the regulatory agency in each state that  
14 conducts live horse racing with pari-mutuel wagering.

15 3. Authorize the Nebraska State Racing and Gaming Commission to  
16 participate in this compact.

17 4. Provide for participation in this compact by officials of the  
18 party states, and permit those officials, through the compact committee  
19 established by this compact, to enter into contracts with governmental  
20 agencies and nongovernmental persons to carry out the purposes of this  
21 compact.

22 5. Establish the compact committee created by this compact as an  
23 interstate governmental entity duly authorized to request and receive  
24 criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of  
25 Investigation and other state and local law enforcement agencies.

26 ARTICLE II. DEFINITIONS

27 Section 2. Definitions.

28 "Compact committee" means the organization of officials from the  
29 party states that is authorized and empowered by this compact to carry  
30 out the purposes of this compact.

31 "Official" means the appointed, elected, designated or otherwise

1 duly selected member of a racing commission or the equivalent thereof in  
2 a party state who represents that party state as a member of the compact  
3 committee.

4 "Participants in live racing" means participants in live horse  
5 racing with pari-mutuel wagering in the party states.

6 "Party state" means each state that has enacted this compact.

7 "State" means each of the several states of the United States, the  
8 District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and each territory  
9 or possession of the United States.

10 ARTICLE III. ENTRY INTO FORCE, ELIGIBLE PARTIES AND WITHDRAWAL

11 Section 3. Entry into force.

12 This compact shall come into force when enacted by any four (4)  
13 states. Thereafter, this compact shall become effective as to any other  
14 state upon both (i) that state's enactment of this compact and (ii) the  
15 affirmative vote of a majority of the officials on the compact committee  
16 as provided in Section 8.

17 Section 4. States eligible to join compact.

18 Any state that has adopted or authorized horse racing with pari-  
19 mutuel wagering shall be eligible to become party to this compact.

20 Section 5. Withdrawal from compact and impact thereof on force and  
21 effect of compact.

22 Any party state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute  
23 repealing this compact, but no such withdrawal shall become effective  
24 until the head of the executive branch of the withdrawing state has given  
25 notice in writing of such withdrawal to the head of the executive branch  
26 of all other party states. If as a result of withdrawals participation in  
27 this compact decreases to less than three (3) party states, this compact  
28 no longer shall be in force and effect unless and until there are at  
29 least three (3) or more party states again participating in this compact.

30 ARTICLE IV. COMPACT COMMITTEE

31 Section 6. Compact committee established.

1           There is hereby created an interstate governmental entity to be  
2 known as the "compact committee," which shall be comprised of one (1)  
3 official from the racing commission or its equivalent in each party  
4 state. The Nebraska State Racing and Gaming Commission shall designate  
5 one of its members to represent the State of Nebraska as the compact  
6 committee official. A compact committee official shall be appointed,  
7 serve and be subject to removal in accordance with the laws of the party  
8 state he represents. Pursuant to the laws of his party state, each  
9 official shall have the assistance of his state's racing commission or  
10 the equivalent thereof in considering issues related to licensing of  
11 participants in live racing and in fulfilling his responsibilities as the  
12 representative from his state to the compact committee. If an official  
13 representing the State of Nebraska is unable to perform any duty in  
14 connection with the powers and duties of the compact committee, the  
15 Nebraska State Racing and Gaming Commission shall designate another of  
16 its members or its executive director ~~secretary~~ as an alternate who shall  
17 serve and represent the State of Nebraska as its official on the compact  
18 committee until the commission determines that the original  
19 representative official is able once again to perform the duties as that  
20 party state's representative official on the compact committee. The  
21 designation of an alternate shall be communicated by the Nebraska State  
22 Racing and Gaming Commission to the compact committee as the committee's  
23 bylaws may provide.

24           Section 7. Powers and duties of compact committee.

25           In order to carry out the purposes of this compact, the compact  
26 committee is hereby granted the power and duty to:

27           1. Determine which categories of participants in live racing,  
28 including but not limited to owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, mutuel  
29 clerks, racing officials, veterinarians, and farriers, should be licensed  
30 by the committee, and establish the requirements for the initial  
31 licensure of applicants in each such category, the term of the license



1 for each category, and the requirements for renewal of licenses in each  
2 category. Provided, however, that with regard to requests for criminal  
3 history record information on each applicant for a license, and with  
4 regard to the effect of a criminal record on the issuance or renewal of a  
5 license, the compact committee shall determine for each category of  
6 participants in live racing which licensure requirements for that  
7 category are, in its judgment, the most restrictive licensure  
8 requirements of any party state for that category and shall adopt  
9 licensure requirements for that category that are, in its judgment,  
10 comparable to those most restrictive requirements.

11 2. Investigate applicants for a license from the compact committee  
12 and, as permitted by federal and state law, gather information on such  
13 applicants, including criminal history record information from the  
14 Federal Bureau of Investigation and relevant state and local law  
15 enforcement agencies, and, where appropriate, from the Royal Canadian  
16 Mounted Police and law enforcement agencies of other countries, necessary  
17 to determine whether a license should be issued under the licensure  
18 requirements established by the committee as provided in paragraph 1  
19 above. Only officials on, and employees of, the compact committee may  
20 receive and review such criminal history record information, and those  
21 officials and employees may use that information only for the purposes of  
22 this compact. No such official or employee may disclose or disseminate  
23 such information to any person or entity other than another official on  
24 or employee of the compact committee. The fingerprints of each applicant  
25 for a license from the compact committee shall be taken by the compact  
26 committee, its employees, or its designee and, pursuant to Public Law  
27 92-544 or Public Law 100-413, shall be forwarded to a state  
28 identification bureau, or to the Association of Racing Commissioners,  
29 International, an association of state officials regulating pari-mutuel  
30 wagering designated by the Attorney General of the United States, for  
31 submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a criminal history

1 record check. Such fingerprints may be submitted on a fingerprint card or  
2 by electronic or other means authorized by the Federal Bureau of  
3 Investigation or other receiving law enforcement agency.

4 3. Issue licenses to, and renew the licenses of, participants in  
5 live racing listed in paragraph 1 of this section who are found by the  
6 committee to have met the licensure and renewal requirements established  
7 by the committee. The compact committee shall not have the power or  
8 authority to deny a license. If it determines that an applicant will not  
9 be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a compact committee license,  
10 the compact committee shall notify the applicant that it will not be able  
11 to process his application further. Such notification does not constitute  
12 and shall not be considered to be the denial of a license. Any such  
13 applicant shall have the right to present additional evidence to, and to  
14 be heard by, the compact committee, but the final decision on issuance or  
15 renewal of the license shall be made by the compact committee using the  
16 requirements established pursuant to paragraph 1 of this section.

17 4. Enter into contracts or agreements with governmental agencies and  
18 with nongovernmental persons to provide personal services for its  
19 activities and such other services as may be necessary to effectuate the  
20 purposes of this compact.

21 5. Create, appoint, and abolish those offices, employments, and  
22 positions, including an executive director, as it deems necessary for the  
23 purposes of this compact, prescribe their powers, duties and  
24 qualifications, hire persons to fill those offices, employments and  
25 positions, and provide for the removal, term, tenure, compensation,  
26 fringe benefits, retirement benefits and other conditions of employment  
27 of its officers, employees and other positions.

28 6. Borrow, accept, or contract for the services of personnel from  
29 any state, the United States, or any other governmental agency, or from  
30 any person, firm, association, corporation or other entity.

31 7. Acquire, hold, and dispose of real and personal property by gift,

1 purchase, lease, license, or in other similar manner, in furtherance of  
2 the purposes of this compact.

3 8. Charge a fee to each applicant for an initial license or renewal  
4 of a license.

5 9. Receive other funds through gifts, grants and appropriations.

6 Section 8. Voting requirements.

7 A. Each official shall be entitled to one (1) vote on the compact  
8 committee.

9 B. All action taken by the compact committee with regard to the  
10 addition of party states as provided in Section 3, the licensure of  
11 participants in live racing, and the receipt and disbursement of funds  
12 shall require a majority vote of the total number of officials (or their  
13 alternates) on the committee. All other action by the compact committee  
14 shall require a majority vote of those officials (or their alternates)  
15 present and voting.

16 C. No action of the compact committee may be taken unless a quorum  
17 is present. A majority of the officials (or their alternates) on the  
18 compact committee shall constitute a quorum.

19 Section 9. Administration and management.

20 A. The compact committee shall elect annually from among its members  
21 a chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary/treasurer.

22 B. The compact committee shall adopt bylaws for the conduct of its  
23 business by a two-thirds vote of the total number of officials (or their  
24 alternates) on the committee at that time and shall have the power by the  
25 same vote to amend and rescind these bylaws. The committee shall publish  
26 its bylaws in convenient form and shall file a copy thereof and a copy of  
27 any amendments thereto with the secretary of state or equivalent agency  
28 of each of the party states.

29 C. The compact committee may delegate the day-to-day management and  
30 administration of its duties and responsibilities to an executive  
31 director and his support staff.

1 D. Employees of the compact committee shall be considered  
2 governmental employees.

3 Section 10. Immunity from liability for performance of official  
4 responsibilities and duties.

5 No official of a party state or employee of the compact committee  
6 shall be held personally liable for any good faith act or omission that  
7 occurs during the performance and within the scope of his  
8 responsibilities and duties under this compact.

9 ARTICLE V. RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH PARTY STATE

10 Section 11. Rights and responsibilities of each party state.

11 A. By enacting this compact, each party state:

12 1. Agrees (i) to accept the decisions of the compact committee  
13 regarding the issuance of compact committee licenses to participants in  
14 live racing pursuant to the committee's licensure requirements, and (ii)  
15 to reimburse or otherwise pay the expenses of its official representative  
16 on the compact committee or his alternate.

17 2. Agrees not to treat a notification to an applicant by the compact  
18 committee under paragraph 3 of Section 7 that the compact committee will  
19 not be able to process his application further as the denial of a  
20 license, or to penalize such applicant in any other way based solely on  
21 such a decision by the compact committee.

22 3. Reserves the right (i) to charge a fee for the use of a compact  
23 committee license in that state, (ii) to apply its own standards in  
24 determining whether, on the facts of a particular case, a compact  
25 committee license should be suspended or revoked, (iii) to apply its own  
26 standards in determining licensure eligibility, under the laws of that  
27 party state, for categories of participants in live racing that the  
28 compact committee determines not to license and for individual  
29 participants in live racing who do not meet the licensure requirements of  
30 the compact committee, and (iv) to establish its own licensure standards  
31 for the licensure of non-racing employees at horse racetracks and

1 employees at separate satellite wagering facilities. Any party state that  
2 suspends or revokes a compact committee license shall, through its racing  
3 commission or the equivalent thereof or otherwise, promptly notify the  
4 compact committee of that suspension or revocation.

5 B. No party state shall be held liable for the debts or other  
6 financial obligations incurred by the compact committee.

7 ARTICLE VI. CONSTRUCTION AND SEVERABILITY

8 Section 12. Construction and severability.

9 This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate its  
10 purposes. The provisions of this compact shall be severable, and, if any  
11 phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be  
12 contrary to the Constitution of the United States or of any party state,  
13 or the applicability of this compact to any government, agency, person or  
14 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this  
15 compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person  
16 or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If all or some portion of  
17 this compact is held to be contrary to the constitution of any party  
18 state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the  
19 remaining party states and in full force and effect as to the state  
20 affected as to all severable matters.

21 Sec. 27. Section 9-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
22 2020, is amended to read:

23 9-601 Sections 9-601 to 9-653 and section 31 of this act shall be  
24 known and may be cited as the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act.

25 Sec. 28. Section 9-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
26 amended to read:

27 9-607 (1) Lottery shall mean a gambling scheme in which:

28 (a) The players pay or agree to pay something of value for an  
29 opportunity to win;

30 (b) Winning opportunities are represented by tickets;

31 (c) Winners are solely determined by one of the following two

1 methods:

2 (i) By a random drawing of tickets differentiated by sequential  
3 enumeration from a receptacle by hand whereby each ticket has an equal  
4 chance of being chosen in the drawing; or

5 (ii) By use of a game known as keno in which a player selects up to  
6 twenty numbers from a total of eighty numbers on a paper or electronic  
7 ticket and a computer, other electronic selection device, or electrically  
8 operated blower machine which is not player-activated randomly selects up  
9 to twenty numbers from the same pool of eighty numbers and the winning  
10 players are determined by the correct matching of the numbers on the  
11 paper or electronic ticket selected by the players with the numbers  
12 randomly selected by the computer, other electronic selection device, or  
13 electrically operated blower machine, except that (A) no keno game shall  
14 permit or require player activation of lottery equipment and (B) the  
15 random selection of numbers by the computer, other electronic selection  
16 device, or electrically operated blower machine shall not occur within  
17 five minutes of the completion of the previous selection of random  
18 numbers; and

19 (d) The holders of the winning ~~paper~~ tickets are to receive cash or  
20 prizes redeemable for cash. Selection of a winner or winners shall be  
21 predicated solely on chance.

22 (2) Lottery shall not include:

23 (a) Any gambling scheme which uses any mechanical gaming device,  
24 computer gaming device, electronic gaming device, or video gaming device  
25 which has the capability of awarding something of value, free games  
26 redeemable for something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for  
27 something of value;

28 (b) Any activity authorized or regulated under the Nebraska Bingo  
29 Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card  
30 Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, the State Lottery  
31 Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12; or

1 (c) Any activity prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

2 (3) Notwithstanding the requirement in subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of  
3 this section that a player select up to twenty numbers, a player may  
4 select more than twenty numbers on a paper ticket when a top or bottom,  
5 left or right, edge, or way ticket is played. For a top or bottom ticket,  
6 the player shall select all numbers from one through forty or all numbers  
7 from forty-one through eighty. For a left or right ticket, the player  
8 shall select all numbers ending in one through five or all numbers ending  
9 in six through zero. For an edge ticket, the player shall select all of  
10 the numbers comprising the outside edge of the ticket. For a way ticket,  
11 the player shall select a combination of groups of numbers in multiple  
12 ways on a single ticket.

13 (4) A county, city, or village conducting a keno lottery shall  
14 designate the method of winning number selection to be used in the  
15 lottery and submit such designation in writing to the department prior to  
16 conducting a keno lottery. Only those methods of winning number selection  
17 described in subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of this section shall be permitted,  
18 and the method of winning number selection initially utilized may only be  
19 changed once during that business day as set forth in the designation. A  
20 county, city, or village shall not change the method or methods of  
21 winning number selection filed with the department or allow it to be  
22 changed once such initial designation has been made unless (a) otherwise  
23 authorized in writing by the department based upon a written request from  
24 the county, city, or village or (b) an emergency arises in which case a  
25 ball draw method of number selection would be switched to a number  
26 selection by a random number generator. An emergency situation shall be  
27 reported by the county, city, or village to the department within twenty-  
28 four hours of its occurrence.

29 Sec. 29. Section 9-646.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
30 amended to read:

31 9-646.01 No person or licensee, or any employee or agent thereof,

1 accepting wagers on a lottery conducted pursuant to the Nebraska County  
2 and City Lottery Act shall extend credit from the gross proceeds of a  
3 lottery to participants in the lottery for the purchase of lottery  
4 tickets. No person shall purchase or be allowed to purchase any lottery  
5 ticket or make or be allowed to make any wager pursuant to the act unless  
6 he or she pays for such ticket or wager with cash, coins, a debit card,  
7 or a direct link to an account with a financial institution in the name  
8 of the player. For purposes of this section, cash shall mean United  
9 States currency having the same face value as the price of the ticket or  
10 wager. A credit card shall not be accepted for payment for any wager on  
11 keno.

12 Sec. 30. Section 9-651, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
13 amended to read:

14 9-651 Each county, city, or village conducting a lottery shall have  
15 its name clearly printed on each paper ticket used in the lottery. No  
16 such ticket shall be sold unless the name is printed thereon. Any  
17 electronic ticket shall be clearly associated with the county, city, or  
18 village conducting the lottery during the purchase of the ticket, or if  
19 an electronic ticket is represented by a printable image, the name of the  
20 county, city, or village conducting the lottery shall be clearly visible  
21 on the printable image.

22 Sec. 31. (1) Any purchase of a ticket for a keno game shall be made  
23 in person at the location of the lottery operator or a licensed sales  
24 outlet location.

25 (2) The lottery operator shall file with the department the address  
26 of each location where electronic tickets are sold. The lottery operator  
27 shall use reasonable safeguards approved by the department to ensure that  
28 electronic tickets are only accessible to individuals nineteen years of  
29 age or older.

30 (3) The lottery operator shall submit controls, for approval by the  
31 department, that include the following at the location of the lottery



1 operator or any associated licensed sales outlet location at which  
2 electronic tickets are sold:

3 (a) Any specific procedure and any technology partner to fulfill any  
4 requirement set forth by the department;

5 (b) Any location detection procedure to reasonably detect and  
6 dynamically monitor the location of a player attempting to purchase a  
7 ticket for a keno game. A player outside the permitted boundary shall be  
8 rejected, and the player shall be notified. The permitted boundary must  
9 be established such that access is not regularly available outside the  
10 property on which the ticket for a keno game is purchased;

11 (c) Any other specific control as designated by the department;

12 (d) A process to easily and prominently display and impose any  
13 limitation for parameters relating to the purchase of a ticket for a keno  
14 game; and

15 (e) An easy and obvious method for a player to make a complaint and  
16 to enable the player to notify the department if such complaint has not  
17 been or cannot be addressed by the lottery operator.

18 Sec. 32. Section 1, Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, is amended to  
19 read:

20 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act and sections 36 to 45 of this  
21 act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.

22 Sec. 33. Section 3, Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, is amended to  
23 read:

24 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act:

25 (1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed  
26 pursuant to the act to operate games of chance within a licensed  
27 racetrack enclosure;

28 (2) Authorized gaming operator license means a license to operate  
29 games of chance as an authorized gaming operator at a licensed racetrack  
30 enclosure;

31 (3) Authorized sporting event means a professional sporting event, a

1 collegiate sporting event, an international sporting event, a  
2 professional motor race event, a professional sports draft, an individual  
3 sports award, an electronic sport, or a simulated game. Authorized  
4 sporting event does not include a parimutuel wager, a fantasy sports  
5 contest, a minor league sporting event, any athletic event or competition  
6 of an interscholastic sport, or any sporting event in which a person  
7 under eighteen years of age is a participant;

8 (4) Collegiate sporting event means an athletic event or competition  
9 of an intercollegiate sport played at the collegiate level for which  
10 eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are  
11 established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of  
12 collegiate athletics;

13 (5) Commission means the State Racing and Gaming Commission;

14 (6) Designated sports wagering area means an area, as approved by  
15 the commission, in which sports wagering is conducted;

16 (7) ~~(3)~~ Game of chance means any game which has the elements of  
17 chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine,  
18 table game, counter game, or card game, or sports wagering. Game of  
19 chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at  
20 a casino by federal law;

21 (8) ~~(4)~~ Gaming device means an electronic, mechanical, or other  
22 device which plays a game of chance when activated by a player using  
23 currency, a token, or other item of value;

24 (9) International sporting event means an international team or  
25 individual sporting event governed by an international sports federation  
26 or sports governing body, including sporting events governed by the  
27 International Olympic Committee and the International Federation of  
28 Association Football;

29 (10) ~~(5)~~ Licensed racetrack enclosure means premises at which  
30 licensed live horseracing is conducted in accordance with the  
31 Constitution of Nebraska and applicable Nebraska law;

1           ~~(11) (6)~~ Limited gaming device means an electronic gaming device  
2 which (a) offers games of chance, (b) does not dispense currency, tokens,  
3 or other items of value, and (c) does not have a cash winnings hopper,  
4 mechanical or simulated spinning reel, or side handle;~~and~~

5           ~~(12) (7)~~ Racing license means a license issued for a licensed  
6 racetrack enclosure by the commission; and State Racing Commission.

7           ~~(13)~~ Sports wagering means the acceptance of wagers on an authorized  
8 sporting event by any system of wagering as authorized by the commission.  
9 Sports wagering does not include (a) placing a wager on the performance  
10 or nonperformance of any individual athlete participating in a single  
11 game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team  
12 from this state is participating or (b) placing a wager on the  
13 performance of athletes in an individual international sporting event in  
14 which any participant in the international sporting event is under  
15 eighteen years of age.

16           Sec. 34. Section 5, Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, is amended to  
17 read:

18           Sec. 5. ~~(1)~~For purposes of providing the necessary licensing and  
19 regulation of the operation of games of chance by authorized gaming  
20 operators within licensed racetrack enclosures pursuant to the Nebraska  
21 Racetrack Gaming Act, the commission shall administer the Nebraska  
22 Racetrack Gaming Act. The commission shall have full jurisdiction over  
23 and shall supervise all gaming operations pursuant to the Nebraska  
24 Racetrack Gaming Act Gaming Commission is created.

25           ~~(2)~~ The commission shall consist of seven members. Not more than  
26 four of the seven members shall be affiliated with the same political  
27 party. No member shall have any personal financial interest in any  
28 licensed racetrack enclosure or authorized gaming operator for the  
29 duration of his or her term. The members of the commission shall elect  
30 one of the members to be chairperson.

31           ~~(3)~~ The five members of the State Racing Commission shall be ex

1 ~~officio members of the Nebraska Gaming Commission, serving terms and~~  
2 ~~receiving appointment in the same manner as provided in sections 2-1201~~  
3 ~~and 2-1202.~~

4 ~~(4) The Governor shall appoint two additional members to serve with~~  
5 ~~the members of the State Racing Commission as members of the Nebraska~~  
6 ~~Gaming Commission. The members appointed pursuant to this subsection~~  
7 ~~shall serve five-year terms. One of such members shall have experience in~~  
8 ~~the Nebraska gaming industry, and one shall be a member of the~~  
9 ~~organization representing the majority of licensed owners and trainers of~~  
10 ~~horses at racetracks in Nebraska.~~

11 ~~(5) The compensation of the members of the Nebraska Gaming~~  
12 ~~Commission shall be one thousand dollars per month, which may be adjusted~~  
13 ~~every two years in an amount not to exceed the change in the Consumer~~  
14 ~~Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers for the period~~  
15 ~~between June 30 of the first year to June 30 of the year of adjustment.~~

16 Sec. 35. Section 6, Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, is amended to  
17 read:

18 Sec. 6. The commission ~~Nebraska Gaming Commission~~ shall:

19 (1) License and regulate authorized gaming operators for the  
20 operation of all games of chance authorized pursuant to the Nebraska  
21 Racetrack Gaming Act, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing  
22 rules and regulations governing such authorized gaming operators  
23 consistent with the act;

24 (2) Regulate the operation of games of chance in order to prevent  
25 and eliminate corrupt practices and fraudulent behavior, and thereby  
26 promote integrity, security, and honest administration in, and accurate  
27 accounting of, the operation of games of chance which are subject to the  
28 act;

29 (3) Establish criteria to license applicants for authorized gaming  
30 operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses for other  
31 positions and functions incident to the operation of games of chance,

1 including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing rules, regulations, and  
2 eligibility standards for such authorized gaming operator licenses,  
3 gaming licenses, and positions and functions incident to the operation of  
4 games of chance;

5 (4) Charge fees for applications for licenses and for the issuance  
6 of authorized gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming  
7 licenses to successful applicants which shall be payable to the  
8 commission Nebraska Gaming Commission;

9 (5) Charge fees to authorized gaming operators in an amount  
10 necessary to offset the cost of oversight and regulatory services to be  
11 provided which shall be payable to the commission Nebraska Gaming  
12 Commission;

13 (6) Impose a one-time authorized gaming operator license fee of one  
14 million dollars on each authorized gaming operator for each licensed  
15 racetrack enclosure payable to the commission Nebraska Gaming Commission;

16 (7) Grant, deny, revoke, and suspend authorized gaming operator  
17 licenses and all other types of gaming licenses based upon reasonable  
18 criteria and procedures established by the commission to facilitate the  
19 integrity, productivity, and lawful conduct of gaming within the state;

20 (8) Grant or deny for cause applications for authorized gaming  
21 operator licenses of not less than twenty years in duration with no more  
22 than one such authorized gaming operator license granted for any licensed  
23 racetrack enclosure within the state;

24 (9) Conduct background investigations of applicants for authorized  
25 gaming operator licenses and all other types of gaming licenses;

26 (10) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the standards of  
27 manufacture of gaming equipment;

28 (11) Inspect the operation of any authorized gaming operator  
29 conducting games of chance for the purpose of certifying the revenue  
30 thereof and receiving complaints from the public;

31 (12) Issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the

1 production of any records, books, memoranda, documents, or other papers  
2 or things at or prior to any hearing as is necessary to enable the  
3 commission to effectively discharge its duties;

4 (13) Administer oaths or affirmations as necessary to carry out the  
5 act;

6 (14) Have the authority to impose, subject to judicial review,  
7 administrative fines not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each  
8 violation of the act or any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated  
9 pursuant to the act;

10 (15) Collect and remit administrative fines collected under this  
11 section to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with  
12 Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska;

13 (16) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for any gaming taxes  
14 assessed to authorized gaming operators;

15 (17) Collect and account for any gaming taxes assessed to authorized  
16 gaming operators and remit such taxes to the State Treasurer or county  
17 treasurer as required by Nebraska law;

18 (18) Promote treatment of gaming-related behavioral disorders;

19 (19) Establish procedures for the governance of the commission;

20 (20) Acquire necessary offices, facilities, counsel, and staff;

21 (21) Establish procedures for an applicant for a staff position to  
22 disclose conflicts of interest as part of the application for employment;  
23 and

24 (22) Establish a process to allow a person to be voluntarily  
25 excluded from wagering in any game of chance under the act;

26 (23) Have the authority to issue directives without having to comply  
27 with the Administrative Procedure Act relating to the adoption and  
28 promulgation of rules and regulations;

29 (24) Remit all license and application fees collected under the  
30 Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to the State Treasurer for credit to the  
31 Racetrack Gaming Fund; and

1           (25) ~~(22)~~ Do all things necessary and proper to carry out its powers  
2 and duties under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act ~~act~~, including the  
3 adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations and such other actions  
4 as permitted by the Administrative Procedure Act.

5           Sec. 36. The Racetrack Gaming Fund is created. The fund shall  
6 consist of all license and application fees collected under the Nebraska  
7 Racetrack Gaming Act. The fund shall be used for administration of the  
8 Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act. Any money in the Racetrack Gaming Fund  
9 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
10 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capitol Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
11 State Funds Investment Act.

12           Sec. 37. Any person applying for a gaming operator license pursuant  
13 to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act shall be subject to fingerprinting  
14 and a check of such person's criminal history record information  
15 maintained by the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of  
16 Investigation for the purpose of determining whether the commission has a  
17 basis to deny the license application or to suspend, cancel, or revoke  
18 the person's license. The applicant shall pay the actual cost of any  
19 fingerprinting or check of such person's criminal history record  
20 information.

21           Sec. 38. Credit cards shall not be accepted by any authorized  
22 gaming operator for payment for any wager or to purchase coins, tokens,  
23 or other forms of credit to be wagered on any game of chance. An account  
24 for the purpose of participating in a game of chance under the Nebraska  
25 Racetrack Gaming Act may only be funded with cash, coins, a debit card,  
26 or a direct link to an account with a financial institution in the name  
27 of the player.

28           Sec. 39. (1) The commission may permit an authorized gaming  
29 operator to conduct sports wagering. Any sports wager shall be placed in  
30 person in the designated sports wagering area at the licensed racetrack  
31 enclosure.

1       (2) A floor plan identifying the designated sports wagering area,  
2 including the location of any wagering kiosks, shall be filed with the  
3 commission for review and approval. Modification to a previously approved  
4 plan must be submitted for approval at least ten days prior to  
5 implementation. The area shall not be accessible to persons under twenty-  
6 one years of age and shall have a sign posted to restrict access.  
7 Exceptions to this subsection must be approved in writing by the  
8 commission.

9       (3) The authorized gaming operator shall submit controls for  
10 approval by the commission, that include the following for operating the  
11 designated sports wagering area:

12       (a) Specific procedures and technology partners to fulfill the  
13 requirements set forth by the commission;

14       (b) Location detection procedures to reasonably detect and  
15 dynamically monitor the location of a player attempting to place any  
16 wager. A player outside the permitted boundary shall be rejected, and the  
17 player shall be notified. The confidence radius shall be entirely located  
18 within the permitted boundary of the licensed racetrack enclosure;

19       (c) Other specific controls as designated by the commission;

20       (d) A process to easily and prominently impose limitations or  
21 notification for wagering parameters, including, but not limited to,  
22 deposits and wagers; and

23       (e) An easy and obvious method for a player to make a complaint and  
24 to enable the player to notify the commission if such complaint has not  
25 been or cannot be addressed by the sports wagering operator.

26       Sec. 40. (1) Any person who knowingly cheats at any game of chance  
27 is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

28       (2) Any person who manipulates, with the intent to cheat, any  
29 component of a gaming device in a manner contrary to the designed and  
30 normal operational purpose of the component, including varying the pull  
31 of the handle of a gaming machine, with knowledge that the manipulation



1 affects the outcome of the game or with knowledge of any event that  
2 affects the outcome of the game, is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

3       Sec. 41. (1) Any person who, in playing any game of chance designed  
4 to be played with or to receive or to be operated by tokens approved by  
5 the commission or by lawful currency of the United States, knowingly uses  
6 tokens other than those approved by the commission, uses currency that is  
7 not lawful currency of the United States, or uses currency not of the  
8 same denomination as the currency intended to be used in that game is  
9 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

10       (2) Any person who knowingly has in such person's possession within  
11 a gaming facility any device intended to be used to violate the Nebraska  
12 Racetrack Gaming Act is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

13       (3) Any person, other than a duly authorized employee of an  
14 authorized gaming operator acting in furtherance of such person's  
15 employment within a gaming facility, who knowingly has in such person's  
16 possession within a gaming facility any key or device known by such  
17 person to have been designed for the purpose of and suitable for opening,  
18 entering, or affecting the operation of any game, any dropbox, or any  
19 electronic or mechanical device connected to the game or dropbox, is  
20 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

21       (4) Any person who knowingly and with intent to use any  
22 paraphernalia for manufacturing slugs for cheating or has such  
23 paraphernalia in such person's possession is guilty of a Class I  
24 misdemeanor. Possession of more than two items of the equipment,  
25 products, or material described in subdivision (4)(a) or (b) of this  
26 section permits a rebuttable presumption that the possessor intended to  
27 use such paraphernalia for cheating. For purposes of this subsection,  
28 paraphernalia for manufacturing slugs (a) means the equipment, products,  
29 and materials that are intended for use or designed for use in  
30 manufacturing, producing, fabricating, preparing, testing, analyzing,  
31 packaging, storing, or concealing a counterfeit facsimile of tokens

1 approved by the commission or a lawful coin of the United States, the use  
2 of which is unlawful pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act, and  
3 (b) includes: (i) Lead or lead alloy; (ii) molds, forms, or similar  
4 equipment capable of producing a likeness of a gaming token or coin;  
5 (iii) melting pots or other receptacles; (iv) torches; and (v) tongs,  
6 trimming tools, or other similar equipment.

7       Sec. 42. (1) A person who manufactures, sells, or distributes a  
8 device that is intended by such person to be used to violate any  
9 provision of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act is guilty of a Class I  
10 misdemeanor.

11       (2) A person who marks, alters, or otherwise modifies any gaming  
12 device in a manner that (a) affects the result of a wager by determining  
13 win or loss or (b) alters the normal criteria of random selection that  
14 (i) affects the operation of a game of chance or (ii) determines the  
15 outcome of a game of chance is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

16       (3) A person who knowingly possesses any gaming device that has been  
17 manufactured, sold, or distributed in violation of the Nebraska Racetrack  
18 Gaming Act is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

19       Sec. 43. A person who, in an application, book, or record required  
20 to be maintained or in a report required to be submitted by the Nebraska  
21 Racetrack Gaming Act, a rule or regulation adopted and promulgated by the  
22 commission, or a directive issued by the commission, knowingly makes a  
23 statement or entry that is false or misleading or fails to maintain or  
24 make an entry the person knows is required to be maintained or made is  
25 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

26       Sec. 44. (1) A person who knowingly permits an individual whom the  
27 person knows is younger than twenty-one years of age to participate in a  
28 game of chance is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

29       (2) A person who participates in a game of chance when such person  
30 is younger than twenty-one years of age at the time of participation is  
31 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

1           Sec. 45. A person who willfully violates, attempts to violate, or  
2 conspires to violate any of the provisions of the Nebraska Racetrack  
3 Gaming Act for which no other penalty is provided is guilty of a Class I  
4 misdemeanor.

5           Sec. 46. Section 2, Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, is amended to  
6 read:

7           Sec. 2. For purposes of this act and section 47 of this act:

8           (1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed  
9 pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act to operate games of chance  
10 within a licensed racetrack enclosure;

11           (2) Designated sports wagering area means an area, as designated by  
12 the gaming commission, in which sports wagering is conducted;

13           (3) (2) Dollar amount collected means the total dollar amount  
14 wagered by players of games of chance less the total dollar amount  
15 returned to such players as prizes;

16           (4) (3) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of  
17 chance, prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine,  
18 table game, counter game, or card game, or sports wagering. Game of  
19 chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited at  
20 a casino by federal law;

21           (5) (4) Gaming commission means the State Racing and Nebraska Gaming  
22 Commission established pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act;

23           (6) (5) Gross gaming revenue means the dollar amount collected by an  
24 authorized gaming operator from operation of all games of chance within a  
25 licensed racetrack enclosure as computed pursuant to applicable statutes,  
26 rules, and regulations less the total of (a) all federal taxes, other  
27 than income taxes, imposed on the operation of such games of chance and  
28 (b) the amount provided to players by an authorized gaming operator as  
29 promotional gaming credits, but only to the extent such promotional  
30 gaming credits are redeemed by players to play one or more games of  
31 chance being operated by the authorized gaming operator;

1           (7) ~~(6)~~ Licensed racetrack enclosure means a premises at which  
2 licensed live horseracing is conducted in accordance with the  
3 Constitution of Nebraska and applicable Nebraska law;~~and~~

4           (8) ~~(7)~~ Promotional gaming credit means a credit, token, or other  
5 item of value provided by an authorized gaming operator to a player for  
6 the purpose of enabling the player to play a game of chance; and -

7           (9) Sports wagering has the same meaning as in section 3, Initiative  
8 Law 2020, No. 430.

9           Sec. 47. (1) If any person liable to pay any tax or fee under the  
10 Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act or sections 1 to 9 of Initiative Law 2020,  
11 No. 431, neglects or refuses to pay such tax or fee after demand, the  
12 amount of such tax or fee, including any interest, penalty, and additions  
13 to such tax, and such additional costs that may accrue, shall be a lien  
14 in favor of the gaming commission upon all property and rights to  
15 property, whether real or personal, then owned by such person or acquired  
16 by such person thereafter and prior to the expiration of the lien. Unless  
17 another date is specifically provided by law, such lien shall arise at  
18 the time of the assessment and shall remain in effect: (a) For three  
19 years from the time of the assessment or one year after the expiration of  
20 an agreement between the gaming commission and a taxpayer for payment of  
21 tax which is due, whichever is later, if the notice of lien is not filed  
22 for record in the office of the appropriate filing officer; (b) for ten  
23 years from the time of filing for record in the office of the appropriate  
24 filing officer; or (c) until such amounts have been paid or a judgment  
25 against such person arising out of such liability has been satisfied or  
26 has become unenforceable by reason of lapse of time, unless a  
27 continuation statement is filed prior to the lapse.

28           (2)(a) The gaming commission may present for filing or file for  
29 record in the office of the appropriate filing officer a notice of lien  
30 specifying the year the tax was due, the tax program, and the amount of  
31 the tax and any interest, penalty, or addition to such tax that are due.

1 Such notice shall be filed for record in the office of the appropriate  
2 filing officer within three years after the time of assessment or within  
3 one year after the expiration of an agreement between the gaming  
4 commission and a taxpayer for payment of tax which is due, whichever is  
5 later. Such notice shall contain the name and last-known address of the  
6 taxpayer, the last four digits of the taxpayer's social security number  
7 or federal identification number, the gaming commission's serial number,  
8 and a statement to the effect that the gaming commission has complied  
9 with all provisions of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act and sections 1  
10 to 9 of Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, in the determination of the amount  
11 of the tax and any interest, penalty, and addition to such tax required  
12 to be paid.

13 (b) If the assets of the taxpayer are in the control or custody of  
14 the court in any proceeding before any court of the United States or of  
15 any state or the District of Columbia, before the end of the time period  
16 in subdivision (2)(a) of this section, the notice shall be filed for  
17 record within the time period or within six months after the assets are  
18 released by the court, whichever is later.

19 (3)(a) A lien imposed upon real property pursuant to the Uniform  
20 State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act shall be valid against  
21 any subsequent creditor when notice of such lien and the amount due has  
22 been presented for filing by the gaming commission in the office of the  
23 Secretary of State and filed in the office of the register of deeds. A  
24 lien imposed upon personal property pursuant to the Uniform State Tax  
25 Lien Registration and Enforcement Act shall be valid against any  
26 subsequent creditor when notice of such lien and the amount due has been  
27 filed by the gaming commission in the office of the Secretary of State.

28 (b) In the case of any prior mortgage on real property or secured  
29 transaction covering personal property so written as to secure a present  
30 debt and future advances, the lien provided in this section, when notice  
31 thereof has been filed in the office of the appropriate filing officer,

1 shall be subject to such prior lien unless the gaming commission has  
2 notified the lienholder in writing of the recording of such tax lien, in  
3 which case the lien of any indebtedness thereafter created under such  
4 mortgage or secured transaction shall be junior to the lien provided for  
5 in this section.

6 (4) The lien may, within ten years from the date of filing for  
7 record of the notice of lien in the office of the appropriate filing  
8 officer, be extended by filing for record a continuation statement. Upon  
9 timely filing of the continuation statement, the effectiveness of the  
10 original notice shall be continued for ten years after the last date to  
11 which the filing was effective. After such period the notice shall lapse  
12 in the manner prescribed in subsection (1) of this section unless another  
13 continuation statement is filed prior to such lapse.

14 (5) When a termination statement of any tax lien issued by the  
15 gaming commission is filed in the office where the notice of lien is  
16 filed, the appropriate filing officer shall enter such statement with the  
17 date of filing in the state tax lien index where notice of the lien so  
18 terminated is entered and shall file the termination statement with the  
19 notice of the lien.

20 (6) The gaming commission may at any time, upon request of any party  
21 involved, release from a lien all or any portion of the property subject  
22 to any lien provided for in the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and  
23 Enforcement Act or subordinate a lien to other liens and encumbrances if  
24 the gaming commission determines that (a) the tax amount and any  
25 interest, penalties, and additions to such tax have been paid or secured  
26 sufficiently by a lien on other property, (b) the lien has become legally  
27 unenforceable, (c) a surety bond or other satisfactory security has been  
28 posted, deposited, or pledged with the gaming commission in an amount  
29 sufficient to secure the payment of such taxes and any interest,  
30 penalties, and additions to such taxes, or (d) the release, partial  
31 release, or subordination of the lien will not jeopardize the collection

1 of such taxes and any interest, penalties, and additions to such taxes.

2 (7) A certificate by the gaming commission stating that any property  
3 has been released from the lien or the lien has been subordinated to  
4 other liens and encumbrances shall be conclusive evidence that the  
5 property has in fact been released or the lien has been subordinated  
6 pursuant to the certificate.

7 Sec. 48. Section 5, Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, is amended to  
8 read:

9 Sec. 5. Every authorized gaming operator subject to taxation as set  
10 forth in this act and section 47 of this act shall pay such tax and make  
11 report thereof to the gaming commission under such rules and regulations  
12 as may be prescribed by the gaming commission.

13 Sec. 49. Section 6, Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, is amended to  
14 read:

15 Sec. 6. If the tax provided for in this act and section 47 of this  
16 act is not paid within such time as may be prescribed for payment thereof  
17 by rules and regulations prescribed by the gaming commission, the same  
18 shall become delinquent and a penalty of ten percent shall be added  
19 thereto, together with interest at the rate specified in section  
20 45-104.02, as such rate may from time to time be adjusted, until paid.

21 Sec. 50. Section 7, Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, is amended to  
22 read:

23 Sec. 7. Any authorized gaming operator that willfully fails,  
24 neglects, or refuses to make any report required by this act and section  
25 47 of this act, or by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under  
26 this act and section 47 of this act, or that knowingly makes any false  
27 statement in any such report, is guilty of a Class I ~~IV~~ misdemeanor.

28 Sec. 51. Original sections 2-1201.01, 2-1202, 2-1203.02, 2-1204,  
29 2-1207.01, 2-1208.03, 2-1208.04, 2-1209, 2-1211, 2-1213, 2-1215, 2-1217,  
30 2-1219, 2-1224, 2-1225, 2-1244, 2-1246, 2-1247, 9-607, 9-646.01, and  
31 9-651, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 2-1201, 2-1203,

1 2-1207, 2-1208, 2-1216, 2-1221, 2-1222, and 9-601, Revised Statutes  
2 Cumulative Supplement, 2020, section 2-1203.01, Revised Statutes  
3 Cumulative Supplement, 2018, as amended by section 7, Initiative Law  
4 2020, No. 430, sections 1, 3, 5, and 6, Initiative Law 2020, No. 430, and  
5 sections 2, 5, 6, and 7, Initiative Law 2020, No. 431, are repealed.

6 Sec. 52. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
7 passed and approved according to law.