

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR20CA

Hearing Date: Monday March 10, 2025
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Bostar
One Liner: Constitutional amendment to permit an authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure to allow a sports wager to be placed by an individual located within the State of Nebraska at the time the individual places the sports wager by means of a mobile or electronic platform

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree
Nay:	2	Senators Holdcroft, Storm
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Eliot Bostar
Lance Morgan
Sean Ostrow
Sarah Meuli
Richard Taylor
Cartier Thiele
A.J. Baker

Opponents:

Les Bernal
Nate Grasz
Glen Andersen
Jacob Wolff
John Horsechief
Rev. James Patterson
Pat Loontjer

Neutral:

Lindsay Slader
Mike Sciandra

Representing:

Opening Presenter
War Horse Gaming
Sports Betting Alliance
Mgr, Gov Affairs, Draft Kings
BetMGM
Lincoln Independent Business Association
Caesars Entertainment/Harrah's Columbus

Representing:

Stop Predatory Gambling
Nebraska Family Alliance
GWTGL/Gambling with the Good Life
self
self
self
GWTBL/Gambling with the Good Life

Representing:

GeoComply
Choices Treatment Center

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony



Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR20CA proposes an amendment to Article III, Section 24 of Nebraska's constitution, allowing gaming operators at licensed racetracks in Nebraska to offer sports wagering through mobile platforms, provided the bettor is located within Nebraska when placing the wager. LR20CA revenue will be directed to the Property Tax Credit Fund.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Section 1: The proposed amendment to the Constitution will be placed on the ballot for the November 2026 general election.

Article III, section 24, subsection five, is amended to provide that any authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure may allow a sports wager to be placed by means of a mobile or electronic platform that is offered by or in partnership with such authorized gaming operator as long as the individual placing the sports wager is located inside the State of Nebraska at the time the sports wager is placed.

Section 2: Includes ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendment: "A constitutional amendment to permit an authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure to allow a sports wager to be placed by an individual located within the State of Nebraska at the time the individual places the sports wager by means of a mobile or electronic platform."

Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

