

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Economic Development, Housing and General Affairs to
3 which was referred House Bill No. 127 entitled “An act relating to sports
4 wagering” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends
5 that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended as follows:

6 First: In Sec. 1, 31 V.S.A. chapter 25 (sports wagering), in section 1302
7 (Department of Liquor and Lottery; authority and duties), in subdivision (c)(5),
8 following the words “The Department shall establish” by striking out “a
9 process that allows a holder of a joint bank account to exclude the joint
10 account from all operator platforms in the State” and inserting in lieu thereof
11 procedures to exclude player accounts based on joint financial responsibility
12 before the period.

13 Second: In Sec. 1, 31 V.S.A. chapter 25 (sports wagering), in section 1302
14 (Department of Liquor and Lottery; authority and duties), in subsection (g), by
15 striking out subdivisions (1) through (3) in their entirety and inserting in lieu
16 thereof new subdivisions (1) and (2) to read as follows:

17 (1) a provision that prohibits the use of sports wagering advertisements,
18 logos, trademarks, or brands on products that are sold in Vermont and intended
19 primarily for persons under 21 years of age; and

20 (2) an advertising plan, which shall include strategies to limit unwanted
21 advertising and advertising aimed at persons under 21 years of age.

1 Third: In Sec. 1, 31 V.S.A. chapter 25 (sports wagering), in section 1320
2 (sports wagering operators; competitive bidding process), in subsection (c), by
3 striking out subdivisions (2) through (6) in their entirety and inserting in lieu
4 thereof new subdivisions (2) through (6) to read as follows:

5 (2) For two operators, \$412,500.00 per operator.

6 (3) For three operators, \$366,666.00 per operator.

7 (4) For four operators, \$343,750.00 per operator.

8 (5) For five operators, \$330,000.00 per operator.

9 (6) For six operators, \$320,833.00 per operator.

10 Fourth: In Sec. 1, 31 V.S.A. chapter 25 (sports wagering), in section 1341a
11 (Problem Gambling Program), in subsection (a), by striking out subdivisions
12 (2) through (5) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof new subdivisions
13 (2) and (3) to read as follows:

14 (2) promote public awareness of and provide education concerning
15 gambling addiction using online capabilities and other best practices; and

16 (3) promote public awareness of assistance programs for gambling
17 addiction using online capabilities and other best practices.

18 Fifth: In Sec. 2a, appropriations, by adding a subsection (c) to read as
19 follows:

20 (c) In each fiscal year after fiscal year 2025, a sum equal to five percent of
21 the annual sports wagering revenue received by the Department of Liquor and

1 Lottery shall be appropriated from the Sports Wagering Fund to the
2 Department of Mental Health for purposes of the Problem Gambling Program.

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6 (Committee vote: _____)

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE