

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

February 10, 2021

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred HB 354,

AN ACT relative to the local option for sports betting.

Having considered the same, report the same with the recommendation that the bill OUGHT TO PASS.

Rep. Robert Elliott

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Ways and Means
Bill Number:	HB 354
Title:	relative to the local option for sports betting.
Date:	February 10, 2021
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	OUGHT TO PASS

STATEMENT OF INTENT

This bill makes the language relative to the adoption of sports betting parallel to the language relative to local adoption of Keno. This bill is about the problem of liability. The present wording says: "We" are liable, but that term is not very clear as to who "We" is. The new wording is an attempt to make it perfectly clear the town or city is the liable entity. Therefore, the wording should be "Shall the Town/City of ___ allow the operation of sports book retail within the Town/City of ___." Thus making the Town/City liable, not "We."

Vote 23-0.

Rep. Robert Elliott
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ways and Means

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on Bill # HB 354

BILL TITLE: AN ACT relative to the local option for sports betting.

DATE: February 10, 2021

LOB ROOM: Remote via Zoom

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
 Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. Elliott Seconded by Rep. Murphy Vote 23-0

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
 Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

MOTION: (Please check one box)

OTP OTP/A ITL Retain (1st year) Adoption of Amendment # (if offered)
 Interim Study (2nd year)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

Minority Report? _____ Yes No If yes, author, Rep: _____ Motion _____

Alan Bershtein

Respectfully submitted:

Rep Alan Bershtein, Clerk



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK
2021 Session - Ways and Means**

Roll Call Committee Registers Report

AN ACT relative to the local option for sports betting.

Bill #	HB 354
Motion	OTP
Amendment #	
Exec Session Date	2/10/21
Consent Calendar?	Yes

Member	Motion / Seconded	Yea	Nay	NV
Major, Norman L. (Chairman)		X		
Abrami, Patrick F. (Vice Chairman)		X		
Griffin, Mary E.				X
Ulery, Jordan G.		X		
Ober, Russell T.		X		
Bershtein, Alan (Clerk)		X		
Doucette, Fred G.		X		
Elliott, Robert J.	Motion	X		
Janigian, John C.		X		
Nunez, Hershel		X		
Baxter, Tim		X		
Spilsbury, Walter		X		
Tudor, Paul D.		X		
Almy, Susan W.		X		
Ames, Richard		X		
Southworth, Thomas L.		X		
Malloy, Dennis J.		X		
Schamberg, Thomas C.		X		
Tucker, Edith M.		X		
Gomarlo, Jennie R.		X		
Loughman, Tom J.		X		
Gourgue, Amanda L.		X		
Hakken-Phillips, Mary A.		X		
Murphy, James Michael	Second	X		
Total Vote		23		1

Respectfully submitted,
Alan Bershtein, Clerk

Public Hearing

House Committee on Ways and Means
Public Hearing on: HB 354

Bill Title: AN ACT relative to the local option for sports betting.

Date: February 4, 2021
LOB Room: 206 + remote
Time Public Hearing Called to Order: 2:23 PM
Time Public Hearing Adjourned: 2:36 PM

Committee Members: Reps. Major, Abrami, Bershtein, M. Griffin, Ulery, R. Ober, Doucette, Elliott, Janigian, Nunez, Baxter, Spilsbury, Tudor, Almy, Ames, Southworth, Malloy, Schamberg, Tucker, Gomarlo, Loughman, Gourgue, Hakken-Phillips and Murphy

SPONSORS: Rep. Lang, Belk. 4; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Trottier, Belk. 6

TESTIMONY

Rep. Lang, Belk. 4

- Introduced the bill.
- This bill improves the language that goes on the ballot for local elections.
- This is a simple bill, a housekeeping bill that merely cleans up some potentially confusing language.


House Remote Testify

Ways and Means Committee Testify List for Bill HB354 on 2021-02-04

Support: 1 Oppose: 0 Neutral: 0 Total to Testify: 0

<u>Name</u>	<u>Email Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Testifying</u>	<u>Signed Up</u>
Rathbun, Eric	ericrathbun@gmail.com	860.912.3751	A Member of the Public	Myself	Support	No	2/3/2021 11:25 PM

Testimony

Archived: Friday, March 5, 2021 10:34:53 AM
From: [Christopher Shea](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:03:19 AM
To: [~House Ways & Means Committee](#)
Cc: [Jennifer Foor](#); [Norman Major](#)
Subject: Sports Betting
Importance: Normal
Attachments:
[Lottery Sports Betting 2-16-21.pdf](#) 

Good morning

Attached is a document from Lottery regarding Sports Betting.

Christopher Shea
Deputy Legislative Budget Assistant
Office of Legislative Budget Assistant
State House Room 102
107 North Main Street
Concord NH 03301

Bill as
Introduced

HB 354 - AS INTRODUCED

2021 SESSION

21-0516
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HOUSE BILL **354**

AN ACT relative to the local option for sports betting.

SPONSORS: Rep. Lang, Belk. 4; Rep. Pearl, Merr. 26; Rep. Moffett, Merr. 9; Rep. Trottier,
Belk. 6

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill makes the language relative to local adoption of sports betting parallel to the language relative to local adoption of keno.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty One

AN ACT relative to the local option for sports betting.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Sports Betting; Local Option. Amend RSA 287-I:6, I(c) to read as follows:

2 (c) The wording of the question shall be substantially as follows: "Shall [~~we~~] **the**
3 **city/town of [fill in town/city name]** allow the operation of sports book retail locations within [~~the~~
4 ~~town or city~~] **[fill in city/town]**?"

5 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.