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Amendments

Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13 Sen. Giuda, Dist 2 April 15, 2021 2021-1143s 08/10

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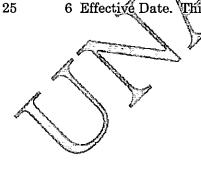
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Committee Minutes

SENATE CALENDAR NOTICE Ways and Means

Sen Bob Giuda, Chair Sen Lou D'Allesandro, Vice Chair Sen Gary Daniels, Member Sen Erin Hennessey, Member Sen Cindy Rosenwald, Member

Date: April 8, 2021

HEARINGS

Monday		04/12/202	04/12/2021			
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Ways and	Means	REMOTE 000	9:00 a.m.			
(Name of Committee)		(Place)	(Time)			
9:00 a.m.	HB 154-LOCAL	relative to community revitalization tax relief i	incentives.			
9:15 a.m.	HB 330	relative to sports book locations.				
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9:45 a.m.	HB 565	establishing a committee to study charitable ga	aming.			

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Hearing Date:

April 12, 2021

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Giuda, D'Allesandro, Daniels,

Hennessey and Rosenwald

Members of the Committee Absent: None

Bill Analysis:

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Sponsors:

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Rep. Abbas

Rep. Doucette

Who supports the bill: Rep. Patrick Abrami, Rick Newman (NH Charitable Gaming Operators Assoc.), Charlie McIntyre, Rep. Norman Major, Eric Pauer

Who opposes the bill: No one

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented:

Rep. Abrami

- This bill establishes the Division of Investigation and Compliance in the Lottery Commission. He filed this bill at the request of the Lottery Commission.
- It formally creates this division and creates a structure only to be staffed by existing staff.
- It clearly outlines the duties of the division. Much of this is going on today.
- It changes the way in which lottery interacts with the Attorney General's Office when it comes to background checks for licenses. Lottery does a lot of the data gathering but the Attorney General's Office still has the final say on the fitness of an applicant to receive a license. This will speed up the licensing process by doing fact finding within Lottery. It gives the division rule-making authority.
- Lottery has grown significantly with the passage of keno, sports betting, etc. and the functions of investigation and compliance have always been important. An organizational structure that reflects this is very much needed.

Charlie McIntyre - Executive Director, NH Lottery Commission

• The chief compliance officer who would be in charge of this division is John Conforti.

John Conforti - Chief Compliance Officer, NH Lottery Commission

- They requested this legislation.
- Mostly this is a restructuring of the existing investigation and enforcement division they have in place.
- It changes the process for investigating applicants for new licenses. Right now, the Attorney General's Office has sole investigation and decision making. They are very busy and gaming matters are not a high priority. They appreciate their partnership with the Dept. of Justice, but they get squeezed in where they can. They want to take the legwork of investigation off the DOJ's plate. This will allow the Lottery Commission to do fact finding and send it to the DOJ. Final decision making remains with DOJ, but this would make for an easier process.
- It provides for rulemaking and the potential for enhanced penalties. Charitable gaming has grown, and that growth might outstrip the existing fine structure. This would allow them to go to Superior Court to get enhanced penalties where appropriate. They want enough tools to deter bad behavior.

Sen. Rosenwald said section one says the new division applies to both racing and charitable gaming or RSA284 and RSA287, but the rest of the bill seems to only to apply to racing and not RSA287. She asked if it is not necessary because RSA287 already includes this new relationship and civil penalty enhancement.

Mr. Conforti said this was initially a part of the historic horse racing bill. The emphasis on increasing the powers of the division relate more specifically to historic horse racing as opposed to RSA287D games. Some of the primary powers, to gather intelligence and data, will be helpful on both sides. However, the primary aim with this bill was to address upcoming licenses that will come with historic horse racing, which occur under RSA284. They would welcome identical language on both sides, but their primary aim is to be prepared for an increase in licenses under RSA284.

Sen. Rosenwald asked why then set up the division to handle both RSA284 and RSA287.

Mr. Conforti said they have no objection to it being applied equally to both. The facilities will both be operating games of chance under RSA287D and historic horse racing under RSA284. The two types of gaming will exist in the same facility. The investigation would be focused on the facility. Sen. Hennessey expressed confusion about how they can do this in half the amount of time with no additional people and taking on more work that the AG is currently doing.

Mr. Conforti said they have some positions that were included in the sports betting bill that they are in the process of filling, so there will be some additions to their team that were already in the budget. They will address the manpower issue. The biggest need that this bill will address is to get investigative software and the ability to gather intelligence from other law enforcement agencies. Currently they have no authority to do that type of investigation.

Sen. Giuda asked how many investigations/prosecutions there have been in the racing venue.

Mr. Conforti responded that investigations are ongoing. They visit all facilities on a rotating basis. Larger facilities get visited once a week. They only have one racing venue — Seabrook.

Sen. Giuda asked if the AG informs them of what they are doing.

Mr. Conforti said the investigations they are talking about are applicants for licensing. Sen. Giuda stated that in the bill, they would utilize the rules process for changing fines and penalties. He is not a fan of using 541A for such things. He asked if they would be opposed to legislation to set that schedule of fines and penalties

Mr. Conforti said the fines are set by statute. This bill allows for enhanced penalties in instances where the existing fine structure is deemed insufficient and would require the Lottery Commission to go to Superior Court. They do not have law enforcement abilities at the Lottery Commission.

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Everything they are talking about would be civil in nature in terms of fines or actions against licenses.

Sen. Giuda pointed to specific wording in the bill in VII.

Mr. Conforti said Sen. Giuda was right. He does not object to removing that from rulemaking and putting it in statute.

Rick Newman – Charitable Gaming Operators Assoc.

- They support the bill.
- Giving the Lottery Commission the tools they need to ensure integrity is vital. The most important part of gaming is having public confidence that games are run fairly. This enhances their ability to do it.

Sen. Rosenwald asked if he had any objection to including RSA287 in the entirety of the bill and not just setting up the enforcement division but actually giving the Lottery Commission the ability to look into applicants and speed up the process for charitable gaming.

Mr. Newman said he had no objection whatsoever.

Sen. Giuda asked if charitable gaming facilities are investigated annually with every renewal. Mr. Newman said in the beginning there is a deep dive looking at new applicants. Every year licenses are renewed, and new background checks and fingerprints are done. There is an ongoing process where the Lottery Commission reaches out to game operator employers on a regular basis seeking to update information on all of the people who own a piece of the facilities. They are very thorough.

Rep. Abrami

- They did extract this portion of the historic racing bill out to make it a separate bill. He has no problem making sure RSA287 is included as well.
- He noted that for the first three years, all one needs to offer historic racing is a charitable gaming license, which is under RSA287. In three years from now, anyone who offers historic racing will also need a license under RSA284.

Sen. Giuda asked him about fines being established through statute rather than rules.

Rep. Abrami said he has no opinion.

John Conforti

• There is an initial investigation when they receive an application and then every 5 years after that. In the interim they do audits and visits.

Sen. Giuda asked how many current operators we have.

Mr. Conforti said 16.

Sen. D'Allesandro asked how many charities are participating in charitable gaming.

Mr. Conforti did not have that exact number but said it is over 200.

Sen. D'Allesandro asked of those 200, how many sites are being taken advantage of by charitable gaming.

Mr. Conforti said for games of chance alone, not including bingo, there are 16 facilities.

Sen. D'Allesandro asked if they get 10 days.

Mr. Conforti said that was correct; they get a maximum of 10 days, however some rooms run a 7-day calendar.

Sen. D'Allesandro said there could be in excess of 2,000 performances in a calendar year.

Mr. Conforti believed that was correct.

Sen. D'Allesandro said the historic racing machines will be coming online and they are limited to a number of facilities. He asked how many of these charities will be able to take advantage of the machines as part of their activity going forward.

Mr. Conforti said all of them will be eligible. They will run concurrently with their current game dates. The bill has the facilities running two charities at once for historic racing.

Sen. Giuda asked if they currently have any investigators and if they will require training. They have five investigators. Their head of investigation is a former police officer. They may need some training with regard to background investigation software. They have a training budget.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 13, 2021

Speakers

Name	Representing	Position	Testifing
Newman Rick	NH Charitable Gaming Operators Association	Support	Yes
Abrami Patrick	Rock 19 Stratham (Prime Sponsor)	Support	Yes
McIntyre Charlie	Myself	Support	No
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Pauer Eric	Myself	Support	No

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SENATE

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

THE COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

to which was referred HB 533

AN ACT

establishing a division of investigation and compliance in the lottery commission.

Having considered the same, the committee recommends that the Bill

OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

BY A VOTE OF: 5-0

AMENDMENT # 1200s

Senator Cindy Rosenwald For the Committee

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FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

WAYS AND MEANS

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Bill Title: establishing a division of investigation and compliance in the lottery commission.

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1/12/2021	Н	<pre>Introduced (in recess of) 01/06/2021 and referred to Ways and Means HJ 2 P. 52</pre>
1/20/2021	н	Public Hearing: 01/28/2021 09:00 am Members of the public may attend using the following link: To join the webinar: https://www.zoom.us/j/92120368845 / Executive session on pending legislation may be held throughout the day (time permitting) from the time the committee is initially convened.
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4/7/2021	S	Introduced 04/01/2021 and Referred to Ways and Means; SJ 11
4/8/2021	S	Remote Hearing: 04/12/2021, 09:30 am; Links to join the hearing can be found in the Senate Calendar; SC 19
4/28/2021	S	Committee Report: Ought to Pass with Amendment #2021-1200s, 05/06/2021; Vote 5-0; CC; SC 22
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6/7/2021	Н	House Non-Concurs with Senate Amendment 2021-1200s and Requests CofC (Reps. Major, McGuire, Abrami, Ames): MA VV 06/04/2021
6/10/2021	S	Sen. Giuda Accedes to House Request for Committee of Conference, MA, VV; 06/10/2021; SJ 19
6/10/2021	S	President Appoints: Senators Giuda, French, D'Allesandro; 06/10/2021; SJ 19
6/15/2021	Н	Conference Committee Meeting: 06/15/2021 08:30 am LOB 206-208
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NH House NH Senate

Other Referrals

Committee of Conference June 15, 2021 2021-1978-CofC 08/11

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2 in the lottery commission.

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- Recommendation:
- That the House recede from its position of nonconcurrence with the Senate amendment, and concur with the Senate amendment, and
- That the Senate and House adopt the following new amendment to the bill as amended by the Senate, and pass the bill as so amended:

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10 Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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- 12 1 New Section; Lottery Commission; Investigation and Compliance Division. Amend RSA 284 13 by inserting after section 3 the following new section:
- 14 284:3-a Investigation and Compliance Division.
 - I. There shall be contained within the lottery commission an investigation and compliance division. The division shall perform such functions as the lottery commission may determine is necessary in relation to enforcement, including the investigation of all licensees, and proposed licensees, under this chapter and RSA 287-D.
 - II. The division shall have such civil and administrative powers as are necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter and RSA 287-D, including the power to receive intelligence on an applicant or licensee under this chapter and under RSA 287-D and to investigate any suspected violations of this chapter or RSA 287-D or any suspected violations of illegal gambling.
 - III. To further effectuate the purposes of this chapter and RSA 287-D with respect to the investigation and enforcement of gaming establishments and licensees, the division may obtain or provide pertinent information regarding applicants or licensees from or to law enforcement entities or gaming authorities and other domestic, federal or foreign jurisdictions, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and may transmit such information to each other electronically.
 - IV. In addition to fines and penalties as set forth in this chapter and RSA 287-D, the division may file a petition for equity relief with the superior court seeking to levy upon any person or entity who meets the requirements for enhanced penalties as defined in administrative rule, a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 per violation, along with any other injunctive relief deemed necessary by the court. The proceeds of any civil penalty levied pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the special fund established in RSA 284:21-j.

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Amend the bill by inserting after section 5 the following and renumbering the original section 6 to read as 7:

6 Background Investigations; Expenses. Amend RSA 287-D:11, IV-V to read as follows:

IV. The expenses of the office of attorney general or the lottery commission, if applicable, in conducting any investigation authorized in this section, including the services of consultants, experts, accountants, and other assistants, shall be a direct charge against the applicant or holder. Total expenses for each investigation under this paragraph shall not exceed \$5,000, except with the approval of the fiscal committee of the general court.

V. In any investigation conducted pursuant to paragraph III, the attorney general or the lottery commission if applicable, may require, by subpoena or otherwise, the attendance of witnesses and the production of such correspondence, documents, books, and papers as the attorney general deems advisable, and for purposes of this section, may administer oaths and take the testimony of witnesses. No person shall be excused from testifying or from producing any book or paper in any investigation conducted pursuant to paragraph III upon the ground that such testimony or documentary evidence might tend to incriminate such person; provided that if, after a claim of privilege, the attorney general, in writing, orders such person to testify or produce documentary evidence, that person shall not be prosecuted, punished, or subjected to any penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any act, transaction, matter, or thing which such person, under oath, disclosed or produced. No person so testifying shall be exempt from prosecution or punishment for any perjury committed by such person in such testimony.

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The signatures below attest to the authenticity of this Report on HB 533, establishing a division of investigation and compliance in the lottery commission.

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Sen. French, Dist. 7	Rep. McGuire, Merr. 29	
Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist. 20	Rep. Abrami, Rock. 19	
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