

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 by striking out the last sentence.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (c) In each fiscal year after fiscal year 2025, a sum equal to five percent of
17 the annual sports wagering revenue received by the Department of Liquor and
18 Lottery shall be appropriated from the Sports Wagering Fund to the
19 Department of Mental Health for purposes of the Problem Gambling Program.

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Senator _____

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FOR THE COMMITTEE