

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 539

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; AND TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-110-201(a), concerning the creation of the Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A commission consisting of ~~seven (7)~~ eleven (11) members, to be known as the "Arkansas Racing Commission", is created and established.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-110-201(d), concerning membership of the Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(4) Four (4) members shall be consumers who are not in the business of or affiliated in any way with an Arkansas casino licensee or casino vendor.



SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-110-204, concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(f) The commission shall hear all matters related to casino gaming and sports wagering, including without limitation the following:

- (1) Rules related to casino gaming and sports wagering;
- (2) Investigations into casino license holders;
- (3) Investigations into allegations of illegal gambling; and
- (4) Reviews of in-state tax collections derived from casino gaming and sports wagering and comparisons with other states with legalized casino gaming and sports wagering.

(g) If as a result of an investigation under subdivision (f)(3) of this section the commission identifies an issue of illegal gambling, the commission shall make a referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(h) The commission shall report annually to the Legislative Council, or if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, regarding matters that have come before the commission.