

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB41

Hearing Date: Monday February 04, 2019
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Hilkemann
One Liner: Change provisions relating to transfers and uses of certain gaming taxes

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Arch, Blood, Hunt, Lowe, Brandt
Nay:	1	Senator Moser
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Briese, Wayne

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Robert Hilkemann
David Geier
Jeffrey Bomberger

Representing:

Introducer
NE Commission on Problem Gambling
Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB41 amends section 9-1,101 to increase revenue to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund. LB41 changes the location of revenue generated by the Charitable Gaming Tax by directing the first \$500,000 plus 1% of the remainder of the Charitable Gaming Tax revenue to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund. The Charitable Gaming Tax rate and the share of the Charitable Gaming Tax revenue retained by local entities would not be affected.

LB41 makes the following changes by section:

Section One of the Bill: Amends 9-1,101 to specify that taxes collected pursuant to section 9-239, 9-344, 9-429, and 9-648, the State Treasurer shall transfer:

(a)(i) The first \$500,000 collected each fiscal year from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance fund in four installments equal to \$125,000 each on or before the last day of the last month of each fiscal quarter; and (ii) After each transfer required by subdivision (a)(i) of this subsection has been satisfied

-(A) 1% of the remaining balance in the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund from the taxes collected each fiscal quarter to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and

-(B) 60% of the remainder after the transfer under subdivision (A) of this subdivision from the taxes collected each fiscal quarter to the General Fund.

(b) Any money remaining in the Charitable Gaming Operation Fund after the transfer made pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be available to the Charitable Gaming Division for administering and enforcing the acts listed in subsection (1) of this section and providing administrative support for the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling

(c) Any money remaining in the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund after the transfers pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection not used by the Charitable Gaming Division in its administration and enforcement duties pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection may be transferred to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

Section Two of the Bill: Repeals the original section.

Explanation of amendments:

AM244 makes the following changes:

Removes the original bill language and amends section 9-1, 101 to include the following changes:

-On or before the last day of the last month of each calendar quarter, the State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred thousand dollars from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

-Any money remaining in the Charitable Gaming Operations fund after the quarterly transfers not used by the Charitable Gaming Division in its administration and enforcement duties pursuant to this section may be transferred to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

As amended LB41 would increase the amount to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance fund from \$100,000 to \$400,000 annually.

Tom Briese, Chairperson