# LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA

## ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

#### FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 32**

Introduced by Brandt, 32.

Read first time July 26, 2024

### Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to amend
- 2 section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to redefine terms
- 3 relating to sports wagering under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act;
- 4 and to repeal the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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1 Section 1. Section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023, is

- 2 amended to read:
- 3 9-1103 For purposes of the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act:
- 4 (1) Authorized gaming operator means a person or entity licensed
- 5 pursuant to the act to operate games of chance within a licensed
- 6 racetrack enclosure;
- 7 (2) Authorized gaming operator license means a license to operate
- 8 games of chance as an authorized gaming operator at a licensed racetrack
- 9 enclosure;
- 10 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (b) of this
- 11 subdivision, authorized sporting event means a professional sporting
- 12 event, a collegiate sporting event, an international sporting event, a
- 13 professional motor race event, a professional sports draft, an individual
- 14 sports award, an electronic sport, or a simulated game; and
- 15 (b) Authorized sporting event does not include an instate collegiate
- 16 sporting event in which an instate collegiate or university team is a
- 17 participant, a parimutuel wager, a fantasy sports contest, a minor league
- 18 sporting event, a sporting event at the high school level or below
- 19 regardless of the age of any individual participant, or any sporting
- 20 event excluded by the commission;
- 21 (4) Collegiate sporting event means an athletic event or competition
- 22 of an intercollegiate sport played at the collegiate level for which
- 23 eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete are
- 24 established by a national association for the promotion or regulation of
- 25 collegiate athletics;
- 26 (5) Commission means the State Racing and Gaming Commission;
- 27 (6) Designated sports wagering area means an area, as approved by
- 28 the commission, in which sports wagering is conducted;
- 29 (7) Game of chance means any game which has the elements of chance,
- 30 prize, and consideration, including any wager on a slot machine, table
- 31 game, counter game, or card game, a keno lottery conducted in accordance

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- 1 with the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, or sports wagering. Game
- 2 of chance does not include any game the operation of which is prohibited
- 3 at a casino by federal law;
- 4 (8) Gaming device means an electronic, mechanical, or other device
- 5 which plays a game of chance when activated by a player using currency, a
- 6 token, or other item of value;
- 7 (9) International sporting event means an international team or
- 8 individual sporting event governed by an international sports federation
- 9 or sports governing body, including sporting events governed by the
- 10 International Olympic Committee and the International Federation of
- 11 Association Football;
- 12 (10) Licensed racetrack enclosure means all real property licensed
- 13 and utilized for the conduct of a race meeting, including the racetrack
- 14 and any grandstand, concession stand, office, barn, barn area, employee
- 15 housing facility, parking lot, and additional area designated by the
- 16 commission in accordance with the Constitution of Nebraska and applicable
- 17 Nebraska law;
- 18 (11) Limited gaming device means an electronic gaming device which
- 19 (a) offers games of chance, (b) does not dispense currency, tokens, or
- 20 other items of value, and (c) does not have a cash winnings hopper,
- 21 mechanical or simulated spinning reel, or side handle;
- 22 (12) Prohibited participant means any individual whose participation
- 23 may undermine the integrity of the wagering or the sporting event or any
- 24 person who is prohibited from sports wagering for other good cause shown
- 25 as determined by the commission, including, but not limited to: (a) Any
- 26 individual placing a wager as an agent or proxy; (b) any person who is an
- 27 athlete, a coach, a referee, or a player in any sporting event overseen
- 28 by the sports governing body of such person based on publicly available
- 29 information; (c) a person who holds a paid position of authority or
- 30 influence sufficient to exert influence over the participants in a
- 31 sporting event, including, but not limited to, any coach, manager,

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- 1 handler, or athletic trainer, or a person with access to certain types of
- 2 exclusive information, on any sporting event overseen by the sports
- 3 governing body of such person based on publicly available information; or
- 4 (d) a person identified as prohibited from sports wagering by any list
- 5 provided by a sports governing body to the commission;
- 6 (13) Racing license means a license issued for a licensed racetrack 7 enclosure by the commission; and
- 8 (14) Sports wagering means the acceptance of wagers on an authorized
- 9 sporting event by any system of wagering as authorized by the commission.
- 10 Sports wagering does not include (a) placing a wager on the performance
- 11 or nonperformance of any individual athlete participating in a single
- 12 game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team
- 13 from this state is participating, (b) placing an in-game wager on any
- 14 game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team
- 15 from this state is participating, (c) placing a wager on the performance
- 16 or nonperformance of any individual athlete under eighteen years of age
- 17 participating in a professional or international sporting event<sub>T</sub> or <u>(b)</u>
- 18 <del>(d)</del> placing a wager on the performance of athletes in an individual
- 19 sporting event excluded by the commission.
- Sec. 2. Original section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023,
- 21 is repealed.