

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB72

Chairperson: Senator John Lowe

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing:

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The Nebraska County and City Lottery Act (hereafter, "the Act") allows for and regulates, among other things, the conduct of keno lotteries by cities and counties for community betterment purposes. The Act defines gross proceeds to not only include wagers by keno players but also include admission costs collected by any keno operator or satellite location. As such, any admissions costs collected by a keno location must be remitted to the county as part of the keno revenues for that location.

The Act changes the definition of gross proceeds so that if a facility offers keno in one area that is free of admission charges, then that same facility may also offer keno in an admissions guarded area. The original intent of the bill is kept intact where a location cannot profit by merely offering access to keno, but this allows the flexibility for larger facilities to offer keno throughout the entire facility if patrons may participate in the keno lottery in a free area.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Raymond Aguilar