ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1139

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2012

Committee On: General Affairs

Introducer: Mello

One Liner: Prohibit receiving certain types of wagers on horseracing

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 5 Senators McGill, Krist, Karpisek, Brasch, Bloomfield

Nay: 3 Senators Coash, Lambert, Larson

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Sen. Heath Mello Introducer

Greg Hosch Horsemen's Park, Lincoln Race Course, Atokad Downs

Mike Kelley Omaha Exposition and Racing

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Under current law, a non-licensed person or entity operating an advanced-deposit wagering system for horseracing would be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor. LB 1139 would make operating such a system a Class IV felony. An advanced-deposit wagering system is essentially an account that a player would have set up with a licensed horseracing association or a third-party from which wagers would be made and wins or losses would be deposited or debited depending on the results of the wager. LB 1139 clarifies that licensees that are currently allowed to operate an advanced-deposit wagering system at a racetrack would be able to continue doing so under LB 1139.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson