ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB642

| Hearing Date: | Monday February 11, 2013 |
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| 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 with amendment(s)

| Vote Results: | | | | |
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| Aye: | 7 | Senators Coash, Johnson, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh, Murante Schilz | | |
| Nay: | | | | |
| Absent: | | | | |
| Present Not Voting: | 1 | Senator Bloomfield | | |
| Proponents: | | Representing: | | |
| Trevor Fitzgerald | | Introducer | | |
| Gregory Hosch | | Horsemen's Park | | |
| Lynne Schuller | | Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association | | |
| Opponents: | | Representing: | | |
| Pat Loontjer | | Gambling with the Good Life | | |
| Glen Andersen | | self | | |
| Loretta Fairchild | | self | | |
| 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 642 would make operating such a system a Class IV felony. An advanced-deposit wagering system is essentially an account that a player would set up with a licensed horseracing association or a third-party from which wagers would be made. For example, this system could be accessed through the Internet and money won or lost would be deposited or debited depending on the results of the wager. LB 642 clarifies that licensees that are currently allowed by the State Racing Commission to operate an advanced-deposit wagering system at a racetrack would be able to continue doing so under LB 642.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment further clarifies that LB642 would not prohibit Nebraska licensed race tracks from utilizing an advanced-deposit wagering system.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson