

ASSEMBLY, No. 108

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes penalties for accepting wagers on prohibited sports events.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT establishing penalties for certain sports wagering violations
2 and supplementing P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et seq.).

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. In addition to any sanctions authorized pursuant to the
8 provisions of section 129 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-129) or any
9 other law or rule or regulation, the Division of Gaming
10 Enforcement or the New Jersey Racing Commission, as appropriate,
11 shall impose the following penalties on the holder of a sports
12 wagering license or the operator of a sports pool or online sports
13 pool that the division or commission determines has accepted
14 wagers on a prohibited sports event, as defined in section 1 of
15 P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10):

16 payment of an amount equal to all wagers improperly accepted
17 on the prohibited sports event; and

18 payment of not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$100,000;
19 and

20 suspension of the licensee or operator from the conduct of sports
21 wagering for a period of not more than 10 days.

22 All monetary penalties imposed pursuant to this section by the
23 Division of Gaming Enforcement shall be paid by the licensee or
24 operator to the division for deposit in the Casino Control Fund,
25 established pursuant to section 143 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-
26 143), to be used for the expenses of the division and the Casino
27 Control Commission. All monetary penalties imposed pursuant to
28 this section by the New Jersey Racing Commission shall be paid by
29 the licensee or operator to the commission for deposit in the State
30 general fund and appropriated each fiscal year to the Racing
31 Commission to be used for the expenses of that commission.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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38 This bill provides that the Division of Gaming Enforcement or
39 the New Jersey Racing Commission, as appropriate, will impose the
40 following penalties on the holder of a sports wagering license or the
41 operator of a sports pool or online sports pool that the division or
42 commission determines has accepted wagers on a prohibited sports
43 event:

44 payment of an amount equal to all wagers improperly accepted
45 on the prohibited sports event; and

46 payment of not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$100,000;
47 and

1 suspension of the licensee or operator from the conduct of sports
2 wagering for a period of not more than 10 days.

3 All monetary penalties imposed under this bill by the Division of
4 Gaming Enforcement will be paid by the licensee or operator to the
5 division for deposit in the Casino Control Fund. Moneys in the
6 Casino Control Fund are appropriated for operating expenses of the
7 Casino Control Commission and the Division of Gaming
8 Enforcement. All monetary penalties imposed under this bill by the
9 New Jersey Racing Commission will be paid by the licensee or
10 operator to the commission for deposit in the State general fund and
11 appropriated each fiscal year to the Racing Commission to be used
12 for the expenses of that commission

13 Existing law defines a “prohibited sports event” as “any
14 collegiate sport or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or a
15 sport or athletic event in which any New Jersey college team
16 participates regardless of where the event takes place. A
17 ‘prohibited sports event’ does not include the other games of a
18 collegiate sport or athletic tournament in which a New Jersey
19 college team participates, nor does it include any games of a
20 collegiate tournament that occurs outside New Jersey even though
21 some of the individual games or events are held in New Jersey. A
22 prohibited sports event includes all high school sports events,
23 electronic sports, and competitive video games but does not include
24 international sports events in which persons under age 18 make up a
25 minority of the participants.”