



Benefiting North Dakota Communities through Charitable Gaming

Senate Judiciary Committee March 1, 2023

Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1152

Madam Chair Larson and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Gaming Alliance and on behalf of the Members of the NDGA, we offer our support for House Bill 1152.

Poker runs are a charitable fundraising event conducted by organizations around North Dakota. While they may be considered "gaming" by some, in fact, they are a single fundraising event and is not actually "poker" by common definition.

It has been brought to our attention that there is really no true definition of what a poker run is, and the North Dakota Gaming Alliance respectfully requests the opportunity to work with the sponsor of the bill and the Gaming Division to define what is meant by a "poker run" as outlined in HB 1152.

We ask this for two reasons. One, so the Attorney General's office has clear direction from the legislative body on the intent of this bill. And two, so the organizations operating such events can accurately execute their intended charitable fundraising events.

The North Dakota Gaming Alliance supports HB 1152 however would request the opportunity to return with a proper amendment to define "poker runs" that would be acceptable to the Gaming Division and the charitable organizations..

Thank you.