

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2384
SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
March 17, 2025

Good Morning Chair Klemin and House Judiciary Committee. My name is Claire Cory. I am a North Dakota State Senator representing District 42, which includes northwest Grand Forks. I stand as the prime sponsor of Senate Bill 2384.

This bill, once the committee adopts amendments, does two things. It cleans up some language related to physical stamps on electronic machines, which are no longer needed because the machines have serial numbers. Second, it eliminates wagering on dogs through the ADW system.

Section 1, subsection 2 of version 25.1323.01000

- This is simply cleaning up language. It adds the word paper. There are issues of buying stamps and trying to put stamps on electronic games, which is unnecessary because they have serial numbers, so it strikes the need for stamps for those games.

Section 1, subsection 7, strike out section

Section 2,3,4

- is removing wagering on greyhounds

Section 5 (version

- Phase out of elimination of greyhound racing to allow racing commission to adapt to new changes

During the interim Judiciary Committee of the 68th legislative assembly we had discussions on eliminating greyhound racing. I thought it was important to introduce the bill after hearing concerns about Greyhound racing. It is illegal in every state, except West Virginia where they are trying to remove it from their constitution, and as of 2026 it will be illegal in 195 countries. Millions of dollars are funneled through North Dakota and very little revenue goes back into our state. Finally, The sport is not well regulated, unlike horse racing, and has been tied to (bad actors) cartel groups and illicit drugs.

Mr. Chair and committee members, I urge a do pass. I will stand for any questions.

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2384

Introduced by

Senators Cory, Patten

Representatives Hagert, Meier

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 53-06.1-14, subsection 11 of section
2 53-06.2-01, and sections 53-06.2-07 and 53-06.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating
3 to the maintenance of electronic pull tab devices and the elimination of dog racing; and to
4 provide an effective date.

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-06.1-14 of the North Dakota Century Code is
7 amended and reenacted as follows:

8 **53-06.1-14. Distributors and manufacturers.**

9 1. A manufacturer of pull tabs, bingo cards, electronic quick shot bingo systems and
10 devices, or bingo card marking devices shall apply annually for a license and pay a
11 license fee of five thousand five hundred dollars. A manufacturer of electronic pull tab
12 systems and devices shall apply annually for a license and pay a license fee of ten
13 thousand dollars. The attorney general shall deposit one thousand five hundred dollars
14 of these fees into the charitable gaming technology fund under section 53-06.1-12.4. A
15 manufacturer of paper pull tab dispensing devices shall apply annually for a license
16 and pay a license fee of one thousand five hundred dollars. The attorney general shall
17 deposit five hundred dollars of this fee into the charitable gaming technology fund
18 under section 53-06.1-12.4. A manufacturer of electronic raffle systems shall apply
19 annually for a license and pay a license fee of one thousand dollars. The attorney
20 general shall deposit five hundred dollars of this fee into the charitable gaming
21 technology fund under section 53-06.1-12.4. A distributor shall apply annually for a
22 license and pay a license fee of two thousand dollars. The attorney general shall

- 1 deposit five hundred dollars of this fee into the charitable gaming technology fund
2 under section 53-06.1-12.4. Application must be made before the first day of April in
3 each year on a form prescribed by the attorney general.
- 4 2. A licensed distributor may not sell, market, or distribute gaming equipment except to a
5 licensed distributor, licensed organization, organization that has a permit, or other
6 person authorized by gaming rule or the attorney general. A manufacturer of a pull tab
7 dispensing device, pull tab, electronic pull tab device, bingo card marking device,
8 bingo card, or fifty-fifty raffle system may only sell, market, or distribute the
9 manufacturer's pull tab dispensing device and processing chip encoded with
10 proprietary software, pull tab, electronic pull tab device, bingo card marking device,
11 bingo card, or fifty-fifty raffle system to a licensed distributor. A licensed distributor may
12 purchase or acquire a pull tab dispensing device and processing chip encoded with
13 proprietary software, pull tab, electronic pull tab device, bingo card marking device,
14 bingo card, or fifty-fifty raffle system only from a licensed manufacturer or licensed
15 distributor. However, a distributor may purchase or acquire a used pull tab dispensing
16 device or electronic pull tab device from a licensed organization. A distributor may not
17 duplicate a manufacturer's processing chip encoded with proprietary software. No
18 gaming equipment or prize may be sold or leased at an excessive price.
- 19 3. A licensed distributor shall affix a North Dakota gaming stamp to each deal of pull
20 tabs, raffle board, punchboard, sports pool board, calcutta board, and series of
21 paddlewheel ticket cards sold or otherwise provided to a licensed organization or
22 organization that has a permit and shall purchase the stamps from the attorney
23 general for thirty-five cents each. Ten cents of each stamp sold by the attorney
24 general, up to thirty-six thousand dollars per biennium, must be credited to the
25 attorney general's operating fund to defray the costs of issuing and administering the
26 gaming stamps. If an organization hosts an event with a raffle board and only sells
27 numbered squares on the day of event, the organization is exempt from the
28 requirements under this subsection.
- 29 4. A licensed organization, organization that has a permit, licensed manufacturer, or
30 North Dakota wholesaler of liquor or alcoholic beverages may not be a distributor or
31 stockholder of a distributor. A distributor may not be a stockholder of a manufacturer.

- 1 5. In addition to the license fee, the attorney general may require advance payment of
2 any fee necessary to pay the cost of a record check of an applicant according to
3 subdivision c of subsection 5 of section 53-06.1-06.
- 4 6. A licensed manufacturer may not refuse to sell deals of pull tabs, paper bingo cards, or
5 gaming equipment to a licensed distributor unless:
- 6 a. A specific deal of pull tabs is sold on an exclusive basis;
- 7 b. The manufacturer does not sell deals of pull tabs, paper bingo cards, or gaming
8 equipment to any distributor in the state;
- 9 c. A gaming law or rule prohibits the sale;
- 10 d. The distributor has not provided the manufacturer with proof of satisfactory credit
11 or is delinquent on any payment owed to the manufacturer; or
- 12 e. The distributor has not met the manufacturer's standard minimum order quantity
13 and freight terms.
- 14 7. ~~A manufacturer may work directly with a licensed organization to ensure proper
15 maintenance of and address technical or software issues with an electronic pull tab
16 device. A distributor or manufacturer of an electronic pull tab device shall notify a
17 licensed organization of scheduled maintenance or repair and allow an organization to
18 have a representative present when any maintenance or repair is performed.~~

19 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 11 of section 53-06.2-01 of the North Dakota
20 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

- 21 11. "Racing" means live or simulcast horse racing under the certificate system or
22 ~~simulcast dog racing under the certificate system.~~

23 **SECTION 3. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-06.2-07 of the North Dakota Century Code is
24 amended and reenacted as follows:

25 **53-06.2-07. Issuance of licenses - Applications.**

- 26 1. On compliance by an applicant with this chapter and the approval of the attorney
27 general, the commission may issue a license to conduct races. The attorney general
28 may not grant a license denied by the commission.
- 29 2. An application for a license to conduct a racing meet must be signed under oath and
30 filed with the commission. The application must contain at least the following:
- 31 a. The name and post-office address of the applicant.

- 1 b. The location of the racetrack and whether it is owned or leased. If the racetrack is
2 leased, a copy of the lease must be included.
- 3 c. A statement of the applicant's previous history and association sufficient to
4 establish that the applicant is an eligible organization.
- 5 d. The time, place, and number of days the racing meet is proposed to be
6 conducted.
- 7 e. ~~The type of racing to be conducted.~~
- 8 f. Other information the commission requires.
- 9 3. At least thirty days before the commission issues or renews a license to conduct
10 races, the applicant shall deliver a complete copy of the application to the local
11 jurisdiction governing body. The application to the commission must include a
12 certificate verified by a representative of the applicant, indicating delivery of the
13 application copy to the governing body. If the governing body of the local jurisdiction
14 adopts a resolution disapproving the application for license or renewal and so informs
15 the executive director within thirty days of receiving a copy of the application, the
16 license to conduct races may not be issued or renewed.
- 17 4. A totalizator or service provider licensee may not use its license to offer bets or wagers
18 on dog races.

19 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 53-06.2-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is
20 amended and reenacted as follows:

21 **53-06.2-10. Certificate system - Rules.**

22 The certificate system allows a licensee to receive money from any person ~~present at~~on a
23 live ~~horse race,~~or simulcast horse race, ~~or simulcast dog race~~ who desires to bet on any entry in
24 that race. A person betting on an entry to win acquires an interest in the total money bet on all
25 entries in the race, in proportion to the amount of money bet by that person, under rules
26 adopted by the commission. The licensee shall receive the bets and for each bet on a live or
27 simulcast horse race shall issue a certificate to the bettor on which is at least shown the number
28 of the race, the amount bet, and the number or name of the entry selected by the bettor. The
29 commission may adopt rules for place, show, quinella, combination, or other types of ~~betting-~~
30 ~~usually connected with racing~~wagering on live or simulcast horse races.

- 1 **SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** Sections 2, 3, and 4 of this Act become effective on
- 2 August 1, 2027.