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Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO

HOUSE BILL NO. 1615

Introduced by

Representatives Grueneich, Hagert, Koppelman, Vetter, O'Brien

Senator Roers

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-03 ~~and subsection 2 of~~
2 ~~section 53-06.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code~~, relating to securing ~~a lease~~ approval for a
3 gaming site ~~location and allowable expenses from adjusted gross proceeds from charitable~~
4 ~~gaming~~ authorization.

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

6 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-03 of the North Dakota
7 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

8 2. An eligible organization shall apply for a license to conduct only bingo, electronic quick
9 shot bingo, raffles, calcuttas, pull tabs, punchboards, twenty-one, paddlewheels,
10 poker, or sports pools by:

11 a. First securing ~~a lease for a gaming site location.~~

12 ~~b. After securing a lease for a gaming site location, next securing~~ approval for a site
13 authorization from the governing body of the city or county in which the proposed
14 site is located. ~~Approval, which may be granted at the discretion of the governing~~
15 ~~body.~~ The approved authorization must be recorded on a site authorization form
16 that is to accompany the license application to the attorney general for final
17 approval. An eligible organization may request a specific site location on the site
18 authorization form.

- (1) A governing body may deny a site authorization only in accordance with an ordinance or written policy adopted or amended following public comment.
Under the ordinance or policy, the governing body:
- (a) May not require an eligible organization to donate net proceeds to the city, county, or related political subdivision or for community programs or services within the city or county as a condition for receiving a site authorization from the city or county;
 - (b) May not deny a site authorization solely because the eligible organization has not conducted gaming at the site;
 - (c) May not require that an eligible organization be located at a specific site or require a site to enter a lease with a specific organization as a condition of site authorization;
 - (d) May require a signed agreement between an eligible organization and a site owner before approving a site authorization. The agreement must be contingent on securing approval for the site authorization from the governing body of the city or county;
 - ~~(e)~~ (e) May limit the type of games ~~and~~, the number of electronic pull tab devices or tables for the game of twenty-one per site, the number of sites the governing body may approve per licensed organization, and the number of sites upon which a licensed organization may conduct games within the city or county; and
 - ~~(e)(f)~~ (f) May ~~not require a site to enter a lease with a specific organization as a condition of receiving a site authorization;~~
 - ~~(f)~~ (f) ~~May deny a site authorization if an application is incomplete or if granting approval would violate a local ordinance. An ordinance placing a condition on how charitable funds may be used may not affect the approval of a site authorization; and~~ establish qualifications for an eligible organization to receive a site authorization; and
 - (g) May charge a one hundred dollar fee for a site authorization.
- (2) This subsection may not be construed to prohibit a governing body from:

- 1 (a) Creating and enforcing rules that are more stringent than state law
2 regarding charitable gaming as otherwise permitted in code; or
3 (b) Denying a site authorization for just cause, including, after
4 consultation with the attorney general, a violation of state law or local
5 rules.

6 ~~b.e.~~ Annually applying for a license from the attorney general before July first on a
7 form prescribed by the attorney general and remitting a one hundred seventy-five
8 dollar license fee for each city or county that approves a site authorization. The
9 attorney general shall deposit twenty-five dollars of this fee into the charitable
10 gaming technology fund under section 53-06.1-12.4. However, the attorney
11 general may allow an organization that only conducts a raffle or calcutta in two or
12 more cities or counties to annually apply for a consolidated license and remit a
13 one hundred seventy-five dollar license fee for each city or county in which a site
14 is located. The attorney general shall deposit twenty-five dollars of this fee into
15 the charitable gaming technology fund under section 53-06.1-12.4. An
16 organization shall document that it qualifies as an eligible organization. If an
17 organization amends its primary purpose as stated in its articles of incorporation
18 or materially changes its basic character, the organization shall reapply for
19 licensure. The attorney general may deny issuance of a license or deny renewal
20 of a license to an eligible organization that has obtained approval of site
21 authorization under subdivision a, if the organization or site is not in compliance
22 with applicable laws and rules.

23 ~~SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Subsection 2 of section 53-06.1-11 of the North Dakota~~
24 ~~Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:~~

25 ~~2. Allowable expenses may be deducted from adjusted gross proceeds. The allowable~~
26 ~~expense limit is sixty;~~

27 ~~a. Sixty percent of the adjusted gross proceeds per quarter if the total adjusted~~
28 ~~gross proceeds for the quarter exceed one hundred thousand dollars; and~~

29 ~~b. Sixty-two percent of the adjusted gross proceeds per quarter if the total adjusted~~
30 ~~gross proceeds for the quarter are one hundred thousand dollars or less.~~