

SB 90-A - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL ***90-A***

AN ACT establishing a commission to study charitable gambling.

SPONSORS: Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Rep. Ames, Ches. 13; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 33

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study charitable gaming and appropriates \$250,000 for such purposes.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three

AN ACT establishing a commission to study charitable gambling.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Section; Study Commission Established. Amend RSA 284 by inserting after section 6-b
2 the following new section:

3 284:6-c Study Commission Established.

4 I. There is established a commission to study charitable gaming.

5 II.(a) The members of the commission shall be as follows:

6 (1) Three members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

7 (2) Four members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the
8 house of representatives.

9 (3) The lottery commissioner, or the commissioner's designee.

10 (4) One representative of the facility owners.

11 (5) Two representatives of charitable gaming charities.

12 (6) The attorney general, or the attorney general's designee.

13 (7) One member of the public appointed by the governor.

14 (b) Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate
15 when attending to the duties of the commission.

16 III. The commission shall examine how charities are selected and whether a uniform process
17 should exist; whether the state should implement a limit on the number of charitable gaming
18 locations; and whether charging rent to the charities is necessary with historic horse racing. The
19 commission shall bring together different stakeholders to address these questions, and ensure those
20 involved in the process have a voice in the discussion that will result in recommendations benefitting
21 all stakeholders.

22 IV. The members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
23 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named senate member.
24 The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section.
25 Seven members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

26 V. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
27 legislation to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
28 clerk, the house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2023.

29 2 Commission to Study Charitable Gaming; Appropriation. There is hereby appropriated to the
30 lottery commission the sum of \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, which shall be
31 nonlapsing, for the purpose of studying charitable gaming and soliciting input from stakeholders.

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1 The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not
2 otherwise appropriated.

3 3 Repeal. RSA 284:6-c, relative to studying charitable gaming, is repealed.

4 4 Effective Date.

5 I. Section 3 of this act shall take effect November 2, 2023.

6 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon passage.