Amendment to HB 480-FN

1   Amend RSA 287-I:1, XV as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3   XV. "Sports wagering" means wagering on sporting events or any portion thereof, or on the

4   individual performance statistics of athletes participating in a sports event, or combination of sports

5   events, by any system or method of wagering, including but not limited to in person communication

6   and electronic communication through Internet websites accessed via a mobile device or computer

7   and mobile device applications. The term sports wagering shall include, but not be limited to, single

8   game bets, teaser bets, parlays, over-under bets, money line bets, pools, exchange wagering, in

9   game wagering, in-play bets, proposition bets, and straight bets.

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11   Amend RSA 287-I:3 and 287-I:4 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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13   287-I:3 Commission Agents. The commission shall conduct sports books for sports wagering

14   through agents selected through a competitive bid process and approved by the governor and

15   executive council. Any such contract shall be based on the state receiving a percentage of revenue

16   from sports wagering activities within the state. The commission shall ensure that an agent

17   demonstrates financial stability, responsibility, good character, honesty, and integrity. In selecting

18   an agent, the commission shall consider, at a minimum, the experience and background of the

19   agent, the agent's ability to serve proposed locations for sports book retail operations, the agent's

20   mobile and Internet capabilities, the agent's contribution to economic development within the state,

21   the agent's commitment to prevention of problem gambling, to responsible gaming, and to integrity

22   in betting. The commission shall select a group of bidders who best meet the criteria set forth in

23   this paragraph and select from that group the agent or agents whose bids provide the state with the

24   highest percentage of revenue from the sports wagering activities covered by the bid or bids,

25   provided that the commission determines that the bidder's commitment to return said revenue

26   percentage to the state is consistent with the bidder's commitment to meet all other criteria

27   specified in the bid request and in applicable law. All agents shall be subject to criminal and

28   financial background checks as prescribed by the commission.

29   287-I:4 Commission Directed Sports Wagering. The commission is further authorized to

30   directly offer lottery games to authorized bettors within the state in the form of tier III sports

31   wagers through the commission's lottery retailers subject to the provisions of this chapter. The

32   commission may retain vendors to support the commission in operating a sports book and such

1   vendors shall be selected through a competitive bid process and approved by the governor and

2   executive council.

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4   Amend RSA 287-I:7 as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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6   287-I:7 Mobile Sports Wagering Authorized. The commission and its agents are authorized to

7   operate a sports books that offer tier I, tier II, and tier III sports wagers through a mobile sports

8   wagering platform by mobile devices or over the Internet. No more than 5 mobile sports wagering

9   agents shall be in operation at any given time. With respect to mobile sports wagering, the

10 commission, either independently, or through its agent, shall provide:

11   I. Age verification measures to be undertaken to block access to and prevent sports wagers

12 by persons under the age of 18 years.

13   II. Identity verification through secure online databases or by examination of photo

14 identification.

15   III. That mobile sports wagers must be initiated and received within the geographic borders

16 of the state of New Hampshire and may not be intentionally routed outside of the state. The

17 incidental intermediate routing of mobile sports wager shall not determine the location or locations

18 in which such a wager is initiated, received, or otherwise made.

19   IV. Wager limits for daily, weekly, and monthly amounts consistent with the best practices

20 in addressing problem gambling.

21   V. A voluntary self-exclusion program for players to self-exclude themselves from wagering

22 for set periods of time.

23   VI. Security mechanisms to ensure the confidentiality of wagering and personal and

24 financial information except as otherwise authorized by this chapter.

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26 Amend RSA 287-I:8, I(h) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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28   (h) Any and all monitoring systems utilized by the agents or vendor to report and

29 receive information on suspicious betting activities.

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31 Amend RSA 287-I:8, III(f)-(i) as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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33   (f) Circumstances under which the agent will void a bet;

34   (g) Treatment of errors, late bets, and related contingencies;

35   (h) Method of contacting the agents or vendor for questions or complaints;

36   (i) Description of those persons who are prohibited from wagering with the agents or

37 contractor if broader than the prohibited bettors list set forth in this section;

1   (j) The method and location for posting and publishing the approved house rules.

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3   Amend RSA 287-I:8, X as inserted by section 1 of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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5   X. Any agent or contractor who sends or receives electronic sports wagers is responsible to

6   ensure that any transfer of that wager is initiated and received and completed within the state of

7   New Hampshire and that only incidental intermediate routing of the wager occurs outside of the

8   state. The agent and contractor shall be responsible for periodically reviewing their information

9   technology systems and networks to ensure compliance with this section.

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11   Amend the bill by replacing section 6 with the following:

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13   6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.