



MEMORANDUM

Representative Dave Greenspan *Sports Gaming –Bill Summary*

In the spring of 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court made it permissive for States to engage in sports wagering. As a direct result, each State, at its discretion, may adopt its own laws, rules, protocol and procedures towards this effort.

Over the past 8 months, I have met with nearly 100 interested parties and held numerous informational meetings. After considering their concerns, comments and input I have prepared a bill for further consideration.

My proposal is as follows:

- WHO:** The bill codifies the Ohio Lottery Commissions authority to offer sports gaming in Ohio.
- The Ohio Lottery Commission is expanded from nine to 11 members with no less than three members with knowledge/experience in Sports Gaming.
- The bill calls for the creation of a Sports Gaming Advisory Board which shall advise, study, and develop recommendations with respect to sports gaming to the Ohio Lottery Commission. The Sports Gaming Advisory Board shall consist of 11 members, 7 appointed by the Governor and 4 from the legislature, 2 from the Senate and 2 from the House. The members shall not be compensated and the Board shall expire in three years.
- The Casino Control Commission shall play an integral operational role in sports wagering. The Casino Control Commission shall have the authority to regulate and investigate those engaging in sports wagering – at the direction of the Ohio Lottery Commission.
- WHAT:** Sports wagering will only be offered on professional and collegiate sports or athletic events.
- WHERE:** Sports wagering shall be offered in the 11 casinos and racinos, and fraternal and veteran organizations. Online and mobile sports gaming are identified as “devices” in this bill and may be offered as long as they are in compliance with federal law (this matter is currently pending in Federal Court).
- INTEGRITY:** The Ohio Lottery Commission, at the request of professional and collegiate sports leagues shall provide relevant gaming data. No “Integrity Fee” shall be offered.
- FEES:** Each Casino and Racino shall pay a \$100,000 non-refundable fee and in most cases a \$100,000 annual renewal fee. Fraternal and Veterans organizations shall pay a \$1,000 non-refundable and annual renewal fee.
- TAX:** A 10 percent tax shall be imposed on all sports gaming. Prior to the distribution of taxes to the Lottery Profits Education Fund, all applicable expenditures to operate the Sports Gaming shall be paid. Two percent of the taxes imposed shall be dedicated to the Problem Gaming and addiction fund.