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## CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

### Sports gaming involuntary exclusion list

- Allows the Ohio Casino Control Commission to prohibit a person from participating in sports gaming in Ohio if the person has threatened violence or harm against a person who is involved in a sporting event, where that threat was related to sports gaming with respect to that sporting event.

### Type C sports gaming license and liquor permits

- Allows a brewery, winery, or distillery that operates a bar or restaurant on-site (A-1-A liquor permit holder) or a micro-brewery (A-1c permit holder) to apply for a type C sports gaming host license.

### Child and spousal support withheld from winnings

- Requires a casino operator or sports gaming proprietor to transmit withheld child and spousal support to the Department of Job and Family Services by electronic means.

### Study Commission on the Future of Gaming in Ohio

- Expands the membership and duties of the Joint Committee on Sports Gaming and renames it the Study Commission on the Future of Gaming in Ohio.
- Requires the Study Commission to examine the status of the statewide lottery, sports gaming, casino gaming, and horse racing in Ohio and the future of those industries and to make recommendations to the General Assembly.
- Requires the Study Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by June 30, 2024.
- Specifies that the Study Commission ceases to exist after it submits its report, extending the Joint Committee's previous expiration date of March 23, 2024.

### Sports gaming involuntary exclusion list

(R.C. 3772.01 and 3772.031)

The act allows the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC) to prohibit a person from participating in sports gaming in Ohio if, before, during, or after a sporting event, the person has threatened violence or harm against a person who is involved in the sporting event, where that threat was related to sports gaming with respect to that sporting event.

For this purpose, a person is considered to be involved in a sporting event if the person is an athlete, participant, coach, referee, team owner, or sports governing body with respect to the sporting event; any agent or employee of such a person; or any agent or employee of an athlete, participant, or referee union with respect to the sporting event. This is the same as the list of

persons who, under continuing law, may not participate in sports gaming because of their involvement in sporting events.<sup>26</sup>

Under continuing law, OCCG may add a person to its sports gaming involuntary exclusion list for a number of reasons, including past gaming law violations, a reputation for dishonest gaming activities, or posing a threat to the safety of a sports gaming facility's patrons or employees. A person who is added to the involuntary exclusion list is entitled to notice and an opportunity for a hearing before being excluded.

## **Type C sports gaming license and liquor permits**

(R.C. 3775.01 and 3775.07)

The act allows a brewery, winery, or distillery that operates a bar or restaurant on-site (A-1-A liquor permit holder) or a micro-brewery (A-1c permit holder) to apply to OCCG for a type C sports gaming host license after receiving a recommendation from the State Lottery Commission. Prior law allowed only D-1, D-2, and D-5 permit holders (bar or restaurant that serves beer or intoxicating liquor for on-premises consumption) to receive a type C sports gaming host license in that manner. A type C sports gaming host may offer lottery sports gaming through a type C sports gaming proprietor using self-service or clerk-operated sports gaming terminals located at the liquor permit premises.

## **Casino and sports gaming winnings**

(R.C. 3123.90)

The act modifies the law concerning withholding of past due child and spousal support from casino and sports gaming winnings, by requiring a casino operator or sports gaming proprietor to transmit the money to the Department of Job and Family Services by electronic means.

## **Study Commission on the Future of Gaming in Ohio**

(Sections 610.90 and 610.91 (amending Section 5 of H.B. 29 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly))

The act expands the membership and duties of the Joint Committee on Sports Gaming created under H.B. 29 of the 134<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, which legalized sports gaming, and renames it the Study Commission on the Future of Gaming in Ohio. No members had been appointed to the Joint Committee under H.B. 29.

Under the act, the membership of the Study Commission is increased from six to 11 members:

- Three members of the House appointed by the Speaker;
- One member of the House appointed by the House Minority Leader;
- Three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President;

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<sup>26</sup> R.C. 3775.13(F), not in the act.

- One member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;
- The chairperson of the State Lottery Commission or the chairperson's designee;
- The chairperson of the OCCC or the chairperson's designee;
- The chairperson of the State Racing Commission or the chairperson's designee.

Prior law specified that the Joint Committee consisted of three members of the House appointed by the Speaker and three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President, with not more than two members appointed from each chamber being members of the same political party. Under continuing law, the Speaker and the Senate President must designate co-chairpersons of the Study Commission.

The act requires the Study Commission to do the following:

- Examine the current status of the Ohio Lottery and the future of the lottery industry and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning the Ohio Lottery;
- Examine the implementation of sports gaming under H.B. 29 and the future of the sports gaming industry and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning sports gaming in Ohio (H.B. 29 required the Joint Committee to monitor the implementation of sports gaming and report its recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly);
- Examine the current status of casino gaming in Ohio and the future of the casino gaming industry and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning casino gaming in Ohio;
- Examine the current status of horse racing in Ohio and the future of the horse racing industry and make recommendations to the General Assembly concerning horse racing in Ohio.

Under continuing law, any expense incurred in furtherance of the Study Commission's objectives must be paid from, or out of, the Casino Control Commission Fund or other appropriation provided by law. Members of the Study Commission serve without compensation, but are reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties.

The act requires the Study Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by June 30, 2024. After it submits its report, the Study Commission ceases to exist. Prior law specified that the Joint Committee would cease to exist on March 23, 2024.