

Gambling

H.B. 32

Reps. Seitz, Greenspan, Riedel, Hughes, Young, Kent, Bishoff, Blessing, Manning, McColley, Rogers, Miller, Patton, Reece, Retherford, Rezabek, Sheehy, Rosenberger

Sens. Huffman, Eklund, Hackett, Hoagland, O'Brien, Schiavoni, Terhar, Thomas, Uecker

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- Allows a casino operator or employee to participate in casino gaming at a casino facility, so long as the operator or employee does not have an interest in the facility, is not employed at the facility, and does not have an interest or employment at an affiliated facility in Ohio.

Sub. H.B. 132

Reps. Dever and McColley, Blessing, Cera, Seitz

Sens. Burke, Eklund, Oelslager

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- Grants the Ohio Casino Control Commission authority to investigate, license, penalize, and regulate anyone conducting or participating in a "fantasy contest."
- Defines "fantasy contest" as a simulated contest with an entry fee, where prize values are known in advance, the outcome is determined by conditions related to statistical results based on a player's skill in anticipating the performance of a roster of athletes and the contest does not involve horses or horse racing.
- Requires a fantasy contest operator to obtain a license from the Commission to operate a fantasy contest in Ohio.
- Requires the Commission to adopt rules to govern the conduct of a fantasy contest, including rules excluding certain individuals from playing, governing internal procedures of fantasy contest operators, and establishing licensure conditions.
- Requires a fantasy contest operator to conduct audits as determined sufficient by the Commission.
- Prohibits a fantasy contest operator from offering fantasy contests based on youth or college sports, allowing contest players to use certain computer programs, targeting certain persons in advertising materials, or operating fantasy contests on a kiosk in a business location.
- Exempts fantasy contests from the Gambling Law.