

HB 83-FN - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL            **83-FN**

AN ACT                increasing the minimum age for sports betting.

SPONSORS:            Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8; Rep. M. Cahill, Rock. 10; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Prentiss,  
Dist 5

COMMITTEE:          Ways and Means

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ANALYSIS

This bill raises the minimum age for sports betting.

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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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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 Five*

AN ACT                    increasing the minimum age for sports betting.

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

- 1            1 Sports Betting; Definitions. Amend RSA 287-I:1, II to read as follows:
- 2                    II. "Authorized sports bettor" means an individual [~~18~~] **21** years of age or older who is
- 3 physically present in the state of New Hampshire when placing a sports wager with the commission
- 4 or an authorized agent of the commission and is not a prohibited sports bettor.
- 5            2 Mobile Sports Wagering Authorized. Amend RSA 287-I:7, I to read as follows:
- 6                    I. Age verification measures to be undertaken to block access to and prevent sports wagers
- 7 by persons under the age of [~~18~~] **21** years.
- 8            3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.

**HB 83-FN- FISCAL NOTE  
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**FISCAL IMPACT:**

<b>Estimated State Impact</b>				
	<b>FY 2025</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$320,000 Decrease	\$640,000 Decrease	\$640,000 Decrease
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	Lottery Fund/Education Trust Fund - Lottery revenue is credited to the lottery fund, with net revenues after expenditures being credited to the state education trust fund.			
<b>Expenditures*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			
<b>Appropriations*</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	None			

\*Expenditure = Cost of bill

\*Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill

**METHODOLOGY:**

This bill, effective January 1, 2026, increases the minimum age for placing a sport wager from 18 to 21. In FY 2024, state revenue from sports betting was \$33,654,911, of which approximately 1.9% of gross gaming revenue came from individuals under the age of 21. Therefore, the revenue attributable to bettors aged 18 to 20 in FY 2024 would be \$639,443. Sports betting revenue can shift based on a variety of factors, however, the Lottery Commission expects this number to remain consistent for FY 2026 and beyond. Considering this bill is effective halfway through FY 2026, it is expected to decrease state lottery revenue, and transfer to the education trust fund, by approximately \$320,000 in FY 2026 and by \$640,000 in FY 2027 and each year thereafter.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Lottery Commission