

Amendment to HB 328

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Racing and Charitable Gaming; Study Commission Established. RSA 284:6-c is repealed and
4 reenacted to read as follows:

5 284:6-c Study Commission Established. There is established a charitable gaming oversight
6 commission.

7 I. Seven voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

8 (a) The chairperson of senate ways and means committee, or their designee who is a
9 senate ways and means committee member.

10 (b) The ranking minority member of the senate ways and means committee, or their
11 designee who is a senate ways and means committee member.

12 (c) One senate member appointed by the president of the senate.

13 (d) The chairperson of house ways and means committee, or their designee who is a
14 house ways and means committee member.

15 (e) The ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, or their
16 designee who is a house ways and means committee member.

17 (f) One house member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

18 (g) One public member appointed by the governor.

19 II. (a) Eight non-voting members of the commission shall be as follows:

20 (1) Four New Hampshire citizens with no financial interest in charitable gaming and
21 no governing board responsibilities for charitable gaming entities shall be selected as follows: one
22 shall be appointed by the president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of
23 the senate; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one shall be appointed by the
24 minority leader of the house.

25 (2) Two New Hampshire citizens shall be appointed by the governor, provided that
26 one shall be representative of gaming operators and one shall be representative of charities
27 participating in charitable gaming.

28 (3) The executive director of the lottery commission, or designee.

29 (4) The attorney general, or designee.

30 (b) Non-voting members shall have no vote in commission matters but shall be eligible to
31 participate in all other commission proceedings.

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1 III. Voting and non-voting members of the commission shall serve until replaced by their
2 respective appointing authority, until no longer meeting the conditions on which their original
3 appointment was based, or until resignation.

4 IV. Legislative members shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the
5 duties of the commission.

6 V. The commission shall review charitable gaming laws, including historical horse race
7 gaming, shall consider the issues identified in the November 1, 2024, final report of the commission
8 to study the effect of recent changes made to charitable gaming laws, including the newly authorized
9 historical horse races established in 2023, 79:583, and shall make from time to time such
10 recommendations for administrative and legislative changes to charitable gaming law and rules as it
11 deems necessary and appropriate. The commission may upon a majority vote of the commission
12 take-up any such topics it deems relevant; however, it shall start with priority consideration of:

13 (a) Any possible changes needed to address problem gambling.

14 (b) Any possible changes needed to restructure or modify systems for allocating and
15 overseeing the use of funds granted to the state and to charities and gaming operators participating
16 in games of chance and in historical horse race gaming.

17 (c) Any possible changes needed to prevent undue concentration or proliferation of
18 gaming locations, facilities, and ownership, including a municipal option to opt into or out of
19 components of charitable gaming.

20 VI. The voting members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the
21 voting members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house
22 member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of
23 this section. Four voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

24 VII. The commission shall submit a report on or before November 1, 2026, and on or before
25 September 1 of each year thereafter, to the general court including findings, recommendations, and
26 any corrective or technical improvements that charitable gaming may require.

27 VIII. The commission shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission.

28 2 Study Commission Established; Prospective Repeal. Amend 2023, 79:587 to read as follows:

29 79:587 Effective Date. Section 586 of this act shall take effect July 1, ~~[2025]~~ **2035**.

30 3 Appropriation; Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission. The sum of \$100,000 for the
31 biennium ending June 30, 2027, is appropriated to the lottery commission to support the work of the
32 charitable gaming oversight commission established pursuant to RSA 284:6-c. The governor is
33 authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the treasury not otherwise
34 appropriated. Such funds shall be nonlapsing.

35 4 Effective Date.

36 I. Section 1 of this act shall take effect June 30, 2025.

37 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.