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HOUSE BILL **328**

AN ACT establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission.

SPONSORS: Rep. Ames, Ches. 13; Rep. Ohm, Hills. 10; Rep. Doucette, Rock. 25; Rep. Stringham, Graf. 3; Rep. Haskins, Rock. 11; Rep. Hakken-Phillips, Graf. 12; Rep. Berch, Ches. 6; Rep. Fellows, Graf. 8; Rep. Spilsbury, Sull. 3; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Long, Dist 20; Sen. Lang, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill changes the membership and duties of the charitable gaming oversight commission, extends it by 10 years, and makes an appropriation to the lottery commission to support the work of the commission.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT establishing a charitable gaming oversight commission.

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

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 RSA 284:6-c is repealed and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

3 284:6-c Study Commission Established. There is established a charitable gaming oversight
4 commission.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 (f) Two house members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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

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

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

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

26 (4) The attorney general, or designee.

27 (5) One public member, appointed by the governor.

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

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.

HB 328-FN- FISCAL NOTE
AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2025-0069h)

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Estimated State Impact				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<i>Revenue Fund(s)</i>	None			
Expenditures*	\$0	\$100,000		\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			
Appropriations*	\$0	\$100,000		\$0
<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	General Fund			

***Expenditure = Cost of bill**

***Appropriation = Authorized funding to cover cost of bill**

METHODOLOGY:

This bill provides a general fund appropriation of \$100,000, for the biennium ending June 30, 2027, to the Lottery Commission to support the work of the Charitable Gaming Oversight Commission. It is assumed all of the appropriation would be expended during the biennium. Any unexpended funds would lapse to the general fund on June 30, 2027.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

None