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 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

1 274:1 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 RSA 284:6-c is repealed and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 senate
7 ways and means committee member.

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

13 (e) The ranking minority member of the house ways and means committee, or their designee
14 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 no
18 governing board responsibilities for charitable gaming entities shall be selected as follows: one shall be
19 appointed by the president of the senate; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; one
20 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
21 house.

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

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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 appointment
3 was based, or until resignation.

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

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

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

20 VI. The voting members of the study commission shall elect a chairperson from among the voting
21 members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The
22 first meeting of the commission shall be held within 60 days of the effective date of this section. Four
23 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 any
26 corrective or technical improvements that charitable gaming may require.

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

28 274:2 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**.

30 274:3 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 appropriated.
34 Such funds shall be nonlapsing.

35 274:4 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.

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Approved: August 01, 2025

Effective Date:

I. Section 1 effective June 30, 2025

II. Remainder effective August 1, 2025

