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A Bill

SENATE BILL 539

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS RACING
10 COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS
11 RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF
12 THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE ARKANSAS
17 RACING COMMISSION; TO AMEND THE
18 MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARKANSAS RACING
19 COMMISSION; AND TO AMEND THE POWERS AND
20 DUTIES OF THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-110-201(a), concerning the creation of
27 the Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to read as follows:

28 (a) A commission consisting of ~~seven (7)~~ eleven (11) members, to be
29 known as the "Arkansas Racing Commission", is created and established.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-110-201(d), concerning membership of the
32 Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to add an additional subdivision to
33 read as follows:

34 (4) Four (4) members shall be consumers who are not in the
35 business of or affiliated in any way with an Arkansas casino licensee or
36 casino vendor.



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SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 23-110-204, concerning the powers and duties of the Arkansas Racing Commission, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(f) The commission shall hear all matters related to casino gaming and sports wagering, including without limitation the following:

(1) Rules related to casino gaming and sports wagering;

(2) Investigations into casino license holders;

(3) Investigations into allegations of illegal gambling; and

(4) Reviews of in-state tax collections derived from casino gaming and sports wagering and comparisons with other states with legalized casino gaming and sports wagering.

(g) If as a result of an investigation under subdivision (f)(3) of this section the commission identifies an issue of illegal gambling, the commission shall make a referral to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

(h) The commission shall report annually to the Legislative Council, or if the General Assembly is in session, the Joint Budget Committee, regarding matters that have come before the commission.