Senate Bill 197 Changes From "As Introduced"

Changes in 1381-2 (Proposed for Adoption on 5/22/25)

- Requires any internet gambling game that uses physical equipment to be conducted by persons physically located in the state.
- Clarifies that an individual who only needs a Racing license need not obtain a Gaming Employee or Key Gaming Employee license—but that any individual holding a Gaming Employee or Key Gaming Employee license need not obtain a separate Racing license.
- Removes licenses for the following Racing occupations: announcer, photographer, and videographer. These licenses exist in current law.
- Clarifies that the Lottery Commission or another state agency may be responsible for the administration of the state data-match program, instead of the Attorney General. The Lottery currently administers this program.
- Creates VLT operator and supplier licenses on the same terms as casino operator and supplier licenses. The fees for these licenses will largely fund the Commission's regulatory efforts, with the additional licensing fee going to the Lottery Profits Education Fund.
- Streamlines investigations and licensure for internet gambling, sports gaming, VLT, and casino operators and suppliers by syncing up all licenses a single entity may have, allowing them to be renewed at the same time.
- Removed restrictions on the types of Lottery games that can be offered via the internet.
- Reverted the 0.5% of VLT funds for problem gaming back to the Lottery for their responsible gaming efforts, instead of transferring those funds to the OCCC.
- Adds a requirement for internet gambling, internet horse racing, and internet sports gaming that no person can deposit more than $500 per week per credit card. Requires operators to deny any transaction that would exceed this amount and display a responsible gaming message regarding the risks of gambling on credit.
- Clarifies that the self-imposed responsible gaming limiters for internet gambling, internet horse racing, and internet sports gaming must be prominently displayed to a person during the account creation process.
- Requires a clearly visible timer on an application or webpage for internet gambling, internet horse racing, and internet sports gaming informing a customer how long they have spent logged in to the current session.
- Requires a "pop up" after a person has spent one hour gambling in an internet gambling, internet horse racing, or internet sports gaming session, asking the person if they would like to take a break. Requires that pop up to appear every 30 minutes thereafter.
- Requires casino gaming, sports gaming, video lottery terminals, internet gambling, horse racing, and electronic instant bingo equipment to be tested to Commission-approved responsible gaming standards, including prohibiting the use of "near miss" features or features that disguise losing outcomes as winning outcomes.