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Research Note

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House Bill 16-1402

Sponsors

***Representatives Becker, K. and
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Senators Holbert and Garcia***

Short Title

***Prohibit Device Wager Previous
Sporting Event***

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill, which was signed by the Governor and became effective on June 10, 2016.

Summary

The bill prohibits the state or any local government, or its agencies, boards, commissions, or officials from permitting the use of a racing replay and wagering device. Horse racing and related business licensees may not operate or allow any person to use racing replay and wagering devices to wager on any previously run sporting event. The prohibition does not apply to simulcast races.

Background

Racing replay takes place on machines that randomly select a horse or greyhound race from a central server that houses several hundred thousand races run over several decades. No animals, locations, or dates are identified and players can choose to view the entire race, multiple races, or the end of a race.

Under the Colorado Constitution, limited gaming is allowed in three cities: Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. As of this writing, no other cities or counties in Colorado have policies in place allowing for the use of racing replay and wagering devices. Under current law, horse racing and related business licensees are not allowed to offer wagering using racing replay and wagering devices because race meets and simulcast racing must be live events.

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There have been no convictions for a comparable crime (e.g. placing, receiving, or offering a pari-mutuel wager on a horse or greyhound race by electronic device) in the past three years, and there is currently only one racetrack in Colorado where the bill's prohibition could be violated.

House Action

House Finance Committee (April 14, 2016). At the hearing, representatives from the Colorado Gaming Association and the Colorado Municipal League testified in support of the bill. A representative of Mile High Racing and Entertainment testified against the bill. The committee referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole unamended.

House second reading (April 18, 2016). The House passed the bill on second reading with no additional amendments.

House third reading (April 19, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Finance Committee (April 28, 2016). At the hearing, representatives of the Colorado Gaming Association, Monarch Casino, and the Colorado Municipal League testified in support of the bill. A representative of Mile High Racing and Entertainment testified against the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole unamended with the recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (April 29, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (May 2, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.