

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB470

Hearing Date: Monday February 06, 2017
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Larson
One Liner: Change provisions of the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act relating to the manner of play of keno, use of electronic tickets, and authorized methods of payment

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Blood, Krist, Larson, Quick, Wayne
Nay:	2	Senators Brasch, Riepe
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Harr

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Larson
Bill Harvey
Kyle Allen
Lynn Rez

Representing:

Introducer
Big Red Keno / La Vista Keno
Advanced Gaming Technologies
League of NE Municipalities

Opponents:

Hallie Hamilton
Pat Loontjer
Glen Anderson
Loretta Fairchild
David Wimmer

Representing:

Nebraska Family Alliance
G.W.G.L.
Self
Self
G.W.G.L.

Neutral:

David Geier

Representing:

Commission on Problem Gambling

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 470 has three main components intended to modernize keno.

First, the bill allows for keno operators to provide an electronic ticket to players beginning January 1, 2018. The keno operator would still make paper tickets available to players upon request (page 2, lines 27-29). If the keno game offers electronic tickets, then the operator must also provide for a means to prevent individuals from outside the licensed premises from being able to access the keno game. This could be achieved through geofencing or some other means of electronically blocking access to the game from outside the licensed premises (page 4, lines 12-16).

Second, the mandatory wait time between keno games would be reduced from five minutes to four minutes (page 2, line 31).

Lastly, a player would be allowed to participate in keno with any cash equivalent, but excluding credit cards. Currently,

keno players can only purchase tickets with cash. (page 4, line 28-page 5, line 1).

Tyson Larson, Chairperson