

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB189

Hearing Date: Monday January 26, 2009
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Pankonin
One Liner: Change terminology relating to problem gambling services

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Coash, Cook, Dierks, Dubas, Friend, Karpisek, Price, Rogert
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Dave Pankonin
Representing: Introducer

Opponents:
Representing:

Neutral:
Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 189 harmonizes the terminology relating to addiction services in accordance with LB 1058 (2008).

Currently, members of the State Committee on Problem Gambling are required to have a "demonstrated interest and commitment and specialized knowledge, experience, or expertise in the area of problem gambling and addiction services." LB 189 strikes "and addiction services," leaving "problem gambling" as the only area for consideration (pg 2, line 15 - line 16).

Also, the Governor's appointees to the State Committee on Problem Gambling currently "shall include at least three consumers of problem gambling or addiction services." LB 189 strikes "addiction" leaving the requirement to only include consumers of "problem gambling services" (pg 2, line 18).

The national standards for determining how to distribute and disburse money in the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be based on compulsive gamblers assistance programs. LB 189 strikes "compulsive" and replaces it with "problem" in describing the type of gamblers assistance programs to base its guidelines and standards (pg 3, line 3).

Finally, the requirement to use money from the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund "to promote the awareness of gamblers assistance program..." is clarified by specifying the type of gamblers assistance programs as being "problem" gamblers assistance programs (pg 4, line 19).

Details

The term "the provision of" is struck on page 2, line 15.

The term "and addiction services" is struck on page 2, lines 15 and 16.

The word "addiction" is struck on page 2, line 18.

The word "compulsive" is struck on page 3 line 3 and replaced with the word "problem."

The word "problem" is added to page 4 line 19.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson