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AMENDMENTS TO LB415

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

- 1 1. Strike sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 and insert the following
- 2 new sections:
- 3 Sec. 5. Section 9-1104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 9-1104 (1) The operation of games of chance at a licensed racetrack
- 6 enclosure may be conducted by an authorized gaming operator who holds an
- 7 authorized gaming operator license.
- 8 (2) No more than one authorized gaming operator license shall be
- 9 granted for each licensed racetrack enclosure within the state. It shall
- 10 not be a requirement that the person or entity applying for or to be
- 11 granted such authorized gaming operator license hold a racing license or
- 12 be the same person or entity who operates the licensed racetrack
- 13 enclosure at which such authorized gaming operator license shall be
- 14 granted.
- 15 (3) Gaming devices, limited gaming devices, and all other games of
- 16 chance may be operated by authorized gaming operators at a licensed
- 17 racetrack enclosure.
- 18 (4) No person younger than twenty-one years of age shall play or
- 19 participate in any way in any game of chance or use any gaming device or
- 20 limited gaming device at a licensed racetrack enclosure.
- 21 (5) No authorized gaming operator shall permit an individual younger
- 22 than twenty-one years of age to play or participate in any game of chance
- 23 or use any gaming device or limited gaming device conducted or operated
- 24 pursuant to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act.
- 25 (6) If the licensed racetrack enclosure at which such authorized
- 26 gaming operator conducts games of chance does not hold the minimum number

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1 of live racing meets required under section 2-1205, the authorized gaming

- 2 operator shall be required to cease operating games of chance at such
- 3 licensed racetrack enclosure until such time as the commission determines
- 4 the deficiency has been corrected.
- 5 (7) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax
- 6 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 9-1312, prior to the
- 7 winnings payment of any casino winnings as defined in section 9-1303, an
- 8 authorized gaming operator shall check the collection system to determine
- 9 if the winner has a debt or an outstanding state tax liability as
- 10 required by the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. If
- 11 such authorized gaming operator determines that the winner is subject to
- 12 the collection system, the operator shall deduct the amount of debt and
- 13 outstanding state tax liability identified in the collection system from
- 14 the winnings payment and shall remit the net winnings payment of casino
- 15 winnings, if any, to the winner and the amount deducted to the Department
- 16 of Revenue to be credited against such debt or outstanding state tax
- 17 liability as provided in section 9-1306.
- 18 Sec. 6. Section 9-1110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 19 2024, is amended to read:
- 20 9-1110 (1) The commission may permit an authorized gaming operator
- 21 to conduct sports wagering. Any sports wager shall be placed in person or
- 22 at a wagering kiosk in the designated sports wagering area at the
- 23 licensed racetrack enclosure. A parimutuel wager in accordance with
- 24 sections 2-1201 to 2-1218 may be placed in the designated sports wagering
- 25 area at the licensed racetrack enclosure. An individual employed and
- 26 authorized to accept a sports wager may also accept a parimutuel wager.
- 27 (2) A floor plan identifying the designated sports wagering area,
- 28 including the location of any wagering kiosks, shall be filed with the
- 29 commission for review and approval. Modification to a previously approved
- 30 plan must be submitted for approval at least ten days prior to
- 31 implementation. The area shall not be accessible to persons under twenty-

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- one years of age and shall have a sign posted to restrict access. 1
- 2 Exceptions to this subsection must be approved in writing by the
- 3 commission.
- (3) The authorized gaming operator shall submit controls for 4
- 5 approval by the commission, that include the following for operating the
- 6 designated sports wagering area:
- 7 (a) Specific procedures and technology partners to fulfill the
- 8 requirements set forth by the commission;
- 9 (b) Other specific controls as designated by the commission;
- (c) A process to easily and prominently impose limitations or 10
- 11 notification for wagering parameters, including, but not limited to,
- 12 deposits and wagers; and
- (d) An easy and obvious method for a player to make a complaint and 13
- 14 to enable the player to notify the commission if such complaint has not
- 15 been or cannot be addressed by the sports wagering operator.
- (4) The commission shall develop policies and procedures to ensure a 16
- 17 prohibited participant is unable to place a sports wager or parimutuel
- wager. 18
- (5) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax 19
- 20 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 9-1312, prior to the
- 21 winnings payment of any sports wagering winnings as defined in section
- 22 9-1303, an authorized gaming operator shall check the collection system
- 23 to determine if the winner has a debt or an outstanding state tax
- 24 liability as required by the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding
- Debt Act. If such authorized gaming operator determines that the winner 25
- 26 is subject to the collection system, the operator shall deduct the amount
- 27 of debt and outstanding state tax liability identified in the collection
- system from the winnings payment and shall remit the net winnings payment 28
- 29 of sports wagering winnings, if any, to the winner and the amount
- 30 deducted to the Department of Revenue to be credited against such debt or
- outstanding state tax liability as provided in section 9-1306. 31

Sec. 7. Section 9-1302, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 1

- 2 2024, is amended to read:
- 3 9-1302 The purposes of the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding
- 4 Debt Act are to:
- 5 (1) Establish and maintain a procedure to set off against an
- 6 obligor's casino winnings, parimutuel winnings, sports wagering winnings,
- 7 or cash device winnings any debt (a) that is assigned to the Department
- of Health and Human Services or that any individual not eligible as a 8
- 9 public assistance recipient is attempting to collect through the Title
- IV-D child support enforcement program, (b) that has accrued through 10
- 11 written contract, subrogation, or court judgment, and (c) that is in the
- 12 form of a liquidated amount due and owing for the care, support, or
- maintenance of a child or for medical or spousal support; and 13
- 14 (2) Establish and maintain a procedure to set off against an
- 15 obligor's a taxpayer's casino winnings, parimutuel winnings, sports
- wagering winnings, or cash device winnings the amount of such obligor's 16
- 17 taxpayer's outstanding state tax liability as determined by the
- Department of Revenue. 18
- Sec. 8. Section 9-1303, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 19
- 20 2024, is amended to read:
- 21 9-1303 For purposes of the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding
- 22 Debt Act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 23 (1) Applicable winnings means any casino winnings, parimutuel
- 24 winnings, sports wagering winnings, or cash device winnings;
- (2) Cash device winnings means any cash prize won by a player of a 25
- 26 cash device as defined in section 77-3001 that requires the operator,
- 27 distributor, or manufacturer of such cash device to provide the player
- with an Internal Revenue Service Form 1099; 28
- 29 (3) Casino winnings means any winnings that are required to be
- 30 reported on Internal Revenue Service Form W-2G won by a player from a
- game of chance at a licensed racetrack enclosure under the jurisdiction 31

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- 1 of the State Racing and Gaming Commission;
- 2 (4) Claimant means:
- 3 (a) The Department of Health and Human Services with respect to
- 4 collection of a debt owed by a parent in a case involving a recipient of
- 5 aid to dependent children in which rights to child, spousal, or medical
- 6 support payments have been assigned to this state;
- 7 (b) An individual who is not eligible as a public assistance
- 8 recipient and to whom a debt is owed that the individual is attempting to
- 9 collect through the Title IV-D child support enforcement program; or
- 10 (c) Any person or entity entitled to receive child support, spousal
- 11 support, or medical support as defined in section 43-1712.01 pursuant to
- 12 an order issued by a court or agency of another state or jurisdiction,
- 13 including an agency of another state or jurisdiction to which a person
- 14 has assigned his or her right to receive such support. Such a claimant
- 15 shall submit certification and documentation to the Department of Health
- 16 and Human Services sufficient to satisfy the requirements of section
- 17 43-1730;
- 18 (5) Collection system means the collection system developed and
- implemented pursuant to section 9-1304;
- 20 (6) Debt means any liquidated amount of arrears that has accrued
- 21 through assignment, contract, subrogation, court judgment, or operation
- 22 of law, regardless of whether there is an outstanding judgment for such
- 23 amount, and that is for the care, support, or maintenance of a child or
- 24 for medical or spousal support;
- 25 (7) Net winnings payment means the winnings payment amount minus the
- 26 debt and outstanding state tax liability balance;
- 27 (8) Obligor means any <u>person as defined in section 77-2701.25:</u>
- 28 individual
- 29 <u>(a) Owing</u> (a) owing money to or having a delinquent account with any
- 30 claimant that has not been satisfied by court order, set aside by court
- 31 order, or discharged in bankruptcy; or

- 1 (b) Owing (b) owing money on an outstanding state tax liability;
- (9) Operator means an authorized gaming operator as defined in 2
- 3 section 9-1103, any corporation or association licensed under sections
- 2-1201 to 2-1218 and authorized to conduct parimutuel wagering at a 4
- 5 licensed racetrack, and any operator, distributor, or manufacturer of a
- 6 cash device licensed under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act;
- 7 (10) Outstanding state tax liability means any liability arising
- 8 from any tax, or fee, or overpayment, including penalties and interest,
- 9 under any tax or other program administered by the Tax Commissioner,
- Department of Labor, or Department of Motor Vehicles; 10
- 11 (11) Overpayment means an overpayment of unemployment insurance
- 12 benefits established under section 48-663.01;
- (12) (11) Parimutuel winnings means any winnings that are required 13
- 14 to be reported on Internal Revenue Service Form W-2G and have tax
- 15 withheld by the operator and that are won by a player from a parimutuel
- wager at a licensed racetrack under the jurisdiction of the State Racing 16
- 17 and Gaming Commission;
- (13) (12) Sports wagering winnings means any winnings that are 18
- required to be reported on Internal Revenue Service Form W-2G and have 19
- 20 tax withheld by the operator and that are won by a player from sports
- 21 wagering as defined in section 9-1103 on a sports wager authorized by the
- 22 State Racing and Gaming Commission;
- 23 (14) (13) Spousal support has the same meaning as in section
- 24 43-1715; and
- 25 (15) (14) Winnings payment means a payout of casino winnings,
- 26 parimutuel winnings, sports wagering winnings, or cash device winnings to
- 27 which a person an individual is entitled as a result of playing or
- 28 wagering.
- 29 Sec. 9. Section 9-1304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 30 2024, is amended to read:
- 31 9-1304 (1)(a) The Department of Revenue, in consultation with the

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- Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Motor 1
- Vehicles, and the Department of Labor, shall develop and implement a 2
- 3 secure, electronic collection system to carry out the purposes of the
- Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. 4
- 5 (b) The collection system shall include access to the name of an
- 6 obligor, the social security number of an obligor, and any other
- 7 information that assists the operator in identifying an obligor. The
- 8 collection system shall inform the operator of the total amount owed
- 9 without detailing the source of any of the amounts owed.
- (2) The Department of Health and Human Services may submit any 10
- 11 certified debt of twenty-five dollars or more to the collection system
- 12 except when the validity of the debt is legitimately in dispute. The
- submission of debts of past-due support shall be a continuous process 13
- 14 that allows the amount of debt to fluctuate up or down depending on the
- 15 actual amount owed.
- (3) The Department of Revenue, the Department of Motor Vehicles, and 16
- 17 the Department of Labor may submit to the collection system any amount of
- outstanding state tax liability owed by an obligor to the department a 18
- taxpayer except when the validity of the outstanding state tax liability 19
- is legitimately in dispute. The inclusion of outstanding state tax 20
- 21 liability in the amount owed shall be a continuous process that allows
- 22 the amount owed to fluctuate up or down depending on the actual amount of
- 23 outstanding state tax liability owed.
- 24 (4) If the name of the obligor is retrieved from the collection
- system by the operator, the retrieval of such name shall be evidence of a 25
- 26 valid lien upon and claim of lien against any applicable winnings of the
- 27 obligor whose name is electronically retrieved from the collection
- system. If an obligor's applicable winnings are required to be set off 28
- 29 pursuant to the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act, the
- 30 full amount of the debt and outstanding state tax liability shall be
- collected from any applicable winnings due the obligor. 31

- (5) The information obtained by an operator or the State Racing and 1 2 Gaming Commission from the collection system in accordance with this 3 section shall retain its confidentiality and shall only be used by the operator or the commission for the purposes of complying with the 4 5 Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. An employee or prior 6 employee of an operator or the commission who unlawfully discloses any 7 such information for any other purpose, except as otherwise specifically authorized by law, shall be subject to the same penalties specified by 8 9 law for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information by an agent or employee of the agency to which the debt or outstanding state 10 11 <u>liability is owed</u> operator.
- 12 (6) The information obtained by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Labor, or 13 14 the Department of Revenue from the operator in accordance with this 15 section shall retain its confidentiality and shall only be used by the either department in the pursuit of such department's debt or outstanding 16 state tax liability assessment and collection duties and practices. An 17 employee or prior employee of the Department of Health and Human 18 Services, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Labor, or 19 the Department of Revenue who unlawfully discloses any such information 20 21 for any other purpose, except as specifically authorized by law, shall be 22 subject to the penalties specified by law for unauthorized disclosure of 23 confidential information by an agent or employee of either such 24 department.
- 25 (7) The amount of debt and outstanding state tax liability owed 26 shall be prima facie evidence of the validity of the liability.
- Sec. 10. Section 9-1305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 28 2024, is amended to read:
- 9-1305 (1) Beginning on the applicable implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of section 9-1312, prior to making a winnings payment, an operator shall

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- check the collection system to determine if there is a debt or an 1
- 2 outstanding state tax liability owed by the winner. An operator shall
- 3 have access to the collection system to look up winners that are due
- winnings payments for purposes of complying with the Gambling Winnings 4
- 5 Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. An operator shall not access the system
- 6 for any other purpose.
- 7 (2)(a) An operator at a licensed racetrack enclosure or licensed
- 8 racetrack that fails to check the collection system for a debt or an
- 9 outstanding state tax liability or fails to collect the amounts owed
- shall be subject to a fine by the State Racing and Gaming Commission of 10
- 11 not more than ten thousand dollars.
- 12 (b) The State Racing and Gaming Commission shall establish a
- schedule for fines pursuant to this section that considers both the 13
- 14 proportionality of the offense and the number of instances of past
- 15 offenses.
- (3) An operator licensed by the Department of Revenue that fails to 16
- 17 check the collection system for a debt or an outstanding state tax
- liability or collect the amounts owed may be considered in violation of 18
- such license and subject to any penalties authorized for a violation of 19
- 20 the license under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act.
- 21 Sec. 11. Section 9-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 22 2024, is amended to read:
- 23 9-1306 (1) Beginning on the applicable implementation date
- 24 designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of
- section 9-1312, prior to making a winnings payment and after the operator 25
- 26 has checked the collection system as provided in section 9-1305, the
- 27 operator shall deduct the amount of debt and outstanding state tax
- liability identified in the collection system from the winnings payment 28
- 29 and shall remit the net winnings payment, if any, to the obligor winner
- 30 and the amount deducted to the Department of Revenue in a manner
- prescribed by the department. 31

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(2) If an operator determines that an obligor identified using the 1

- 2 collection system is entitled to a winnings payment, the operator shall
- 3 notify the Department of Revenue in a manner prescribed by the department
- that a balance of debt or outstanding state tax liability owed by the 4
- 5 <u>obligor</u> winner is being remitted to the department.
- 6 (3) The Department of Revenue shall first credit any such winnings
- 7 payment against any debt of such obligor winner certified by the
- 8 Department of Health and Human Services until such debt is satisfied and
- 9 then against any outstanding state tax liability owed by such obligor
- winner until such liability is satisfied on a pro rata basis. 10
- 11 Sec. 12. Section 9-1307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2024, is amended to read:
- 9-1307 (1) Within twenty days after a remittance pursuant to section 13
- 14 9-1306 due to an outstanding state $\frac{1}{1}$ liability, the Department of
- 15 Revenue shall notify the obligor winner of the remittance. The notice
- shall state (a) the basis for the claim to the outstanding state tax 16
- liability by the Department of Revenue, (b) the application of the 17
- winnings payment against the outstanding state tax liability of the 18
- obligor, (c) the obligor's opportunity to give written notice of intent 19
- 20 to contest the validity of the claim before the applicable department to
- 21 which the outstanding state liability is owed Department of Revenue
- 22 within thirty days after the date of the mailing of the notice, (d) the
- 23 mailing address to which the request must be sent, and (e) that a failure
- 24 to contest the claim in writing within the thirty-day period will be
- deemed a waiver of the opportunity to contest the claim resulting in a 25
- 26 setoff by default.
- 27 (2)(a) Within twenty days after notification from the Department of
- Revenue of a remittance pursuant to section 9-1306 due to owing a debt 28
- 29 certified by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department
- 30 of Health and Human Services shall send written notification to the
- obligor of an assertion of its rights, or of the rights of an individual 31

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not eligible as a public assistance recipient, to all or a portion of the 1

- 2 obligor's winnings payment.
- 3 (b) The written notification shall clearly set forth (i) the basis
- for the claim to the winnings payment, (ii) the intention to apply the 4
- 5 winnings payment against the debt owed to a claimant, (iii) the obligor's
- 6 opportunity to give written notice of intent to contest the validity of
- 7 the claim before the Department of Health and Human Services within
- 8 thirty days after the date of the mailing of the notice, (iv) the mailing
- 9 address to which the request for a hearing must be sent, and (v) that
- failure to apply for a hearing in writing within the thirty-day period 10
- 11 will be deemed a waiver of the opportunity to contest the claim resulting
- 12 in a setoff by default.
- Sec. 13. Section 9-1308, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 13
- 14 2024, is amended to read:
- 15 9-1308 (1)(a) A written request by an obligor a winner pursuant to
- subsection (1) of section 9-1307 shall be effective upon mailing the 16
- 17 request, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to the applicable
- 18 department to which the outstanding state liability is owed Department of
- Revenue. 19
- 20 (b) Any appeal or action taken as a result of a decision pursuant to
- 21 subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall be in accordance with the
- 22 Administrative Procedure Act.
- 23 (2)(a) A written request for a hearing by <u>an obligor</u> a winner
- 24 pursuant to subsection (2) of section 9-1307 shall be effective upon
- mailing the request, postage prepaid and properly addressed, to the 25
- 26 Department of Health and Human Services.
- 27 (b) If the Department of Health and Human Services receives a
- written request for a hearing contesting a claim, the department shall 28
- 29 grant a hearing to the obligor to determine whether the claim is valid.
- 30 If the amount asserted as due and owing is not correct, an adjustment to
- the claimed amount shall be made. No issues shall be reconsidered at the 31

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- hearing which have been previously litigated. 1
- 2 (c) Any appeal of an action taken at or as a result of a hearing
- 3 held pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) of this section shall be in
- accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. 4
- 5 Sec. 16. Section 77-3002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 6 2024, is amended to read:
- 7 77-3002 (1) Any operator shall be required to procure an annual
- 8 license from the Tax Commissioner permitting him or her to operate
- 9 mechanical amusement devices within the State of Nebraska. The Tax
- Commissioner, upon the application of any person, may issue a license, 10
- 11 except that if the applicant (a) is not of good character and reputation
- 12 in the community in which he or she resides, (b) has been convicted of or
- has pleaded guilty to a felony under the laws of the State of Nebraska, 13
- 14 of any other state, or of the United States, or (c) has been convicted of
- 15 or has pleaded guilty to being the proprietor of a gambling house, or of
- any other crime or misdemeanor opposed to decency and morality, no 16
- license shall be issued. If the applicant is a corporation whose majority 17
- stockholders could not obtain a license, then such corporation shall not 18
- be issued a license. If the applicant is an individual, the application 19
- shall include the applicant's social security number. Procuring a license 20
- 21 shall constitute sufficient contact with this state for the exercise of
- 22 personal jurisdiction over such person in any action arising out of the
- 23 operation of mechanical amusement devices in this state.
- 24 (2)(a) Except for an applicant that holds a liquor license under the
- Nebraska Liquor Control Act, an applicant for a license as an operator of 25
- 26 a cash device shall be subject to a one-time background check by the
- 27 department prior to the issuance of a license. An applicant shall pay the
- costs associated with the background check along with any required fees 28
- 29 as determined by the department.
- 30 (b) The Tax Commissioner has the authority to deny any application
- for a license as an operator of a cash device for cause. Cause for denial 31

- of a license application includes instances in which the applicant 1
- individually, or in the case of a business entity, any officer, director, 2
- 3 employee, or limited liability company member of the applicant or
- licensee other than an employee whose duties are purely ministerial in 4
- 5 nature:
- 6 (i) Violated the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations,
- 7 or duties imposed by the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act or any rules
- 8 or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act;
- 9 (ii) Knowingly caused, aided, abetted, or conspired with another to
- cause any person to violate any of the provisions of the act or any rules 10
- 11 or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act;
- 12 (iii) Obtained a license or permit under the act by fraud,
- misrepresentation, or concealment; 13
- 14 (iv) Has been convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of, or
- 15 pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any offense or crime, whether a
- felony or a misdemeanor, involving any gambling activity or fraud, theft, 16
- 17 willful failure to make required payments or reports, or filing false
- reports with a governmental agency at any level; 18
- (v) Denied the department or its authorized representatives, 19
- 20 including authorized law enforcement agencies, access to any place where
- 21 activity required to be licensed under the act is being conducted or
- 22 failed to produce for inspection or audit any book, record, document, or
- 23 item required by law, rule, or regulation;
- 24 (vi) Made a misrepresentation of or failed to disclose a material
- 25 fact to the department;
- 26 (vii) Failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence such
- 27 applicant's qualifications to be licensed in accordance with the act;
- (viii) Failed to pay any taxes and additions to taxes, including 28
- 29 penalties and interest required by the act or any other taxes imposed
- 30 pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967; or
- (ix) Has been cited for a violation of the Nebraska Liquor Control 31

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- Act and had a liquor license suspended, canceled, or revoked by the 1
- 2 Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling activities on or
- 3 about the premises licensed by the commission pursuant to the Nebraska
- Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated 4
- 5 pursuant to such act.
- 6 (c) No renewal of a license issued pursuant to this section shall be
- 7 issued when the applicant for renewal would not be eligible for a license
- 8 upon a first application.
- 9 (3) The Tax Commissioner has the authority to suspend or revoke the
- license of any operator that is in violation of the Mechanical Amusement 10
- 11 Device Tax Act.
- (4) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax 12
- Commissioner pursuant to subsection (2) of section 9-1312, prior to the 13
- 14 winnings payment of any cash device winnings as defined in section
- 15 9-1303, an operator of a cash device shall check the collection system to
- determine if the winner has a debt or an outstanding state tax liability 16
- 17 as required by the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. If
- such operator determines that the winner is subject to the collection 18
- system, the operator shall deduct the amount of debt and outstanding 19
- state tax liability identified in the collection system from the winnings 20
- 21 payment and shall remit the net winnings payment of cash device winnings,
- 22 if any, to the winner and the amount deducted to the Department of
- 23 Revenue to be credited against such debt or outstanding state tax
- 24 liability as provided in section 9-1306.
- Sec. 17. Section 77-3003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 25
- 26 2024, is amended to read:
- 27 77-3003 (1) Any distributor shall be required to procure an annual
- license from the Tax Commissioner permitting him or her to place and 28
- 29 either directly or indirectly control or manage a mechanical amusement
- 30 device within the State of Nebraska. The Tax Commissioner, upon the
- application of any person, may issue a license, subject to the same 31

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- limitations as an operator's license under section 77-3002. If the 1
- 2 applicant is an individual, the application shall include the applicant's
- 3 social security number.
- (2)(a) Except for an applicant that holds a liquor license under the 4
- 5 Nebraska Liquor Control Act, an applicant for a license as a distributor
- 6 of a cash device shall be subject to a one-time background check by the
- 7 department prior to issuance of the license. An applicant shall pay the
- costs associated with the background check along with any required fees 8
- 9 as determined by the department.
- (b) The Tax Commissioner has the authority to deny any application 10
- 11 for a license as a distributor of a cash device for cause. Cause for
- 12 denial of a license application includes instances in which the applicant
- individually, or in the case of a business entity, any officer, director, 13
- 14 employee, or limited liability company member of the applicant or
- 15 licensee other than an employee whose duties are purely ministerial in
- nature: 16
- 17 (i) Violated the provisions, requirements, conditions, limitations,
- or duties imposed by the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act or any rules 18
- or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act; 19
- 20 (ii) Knowingly caused, aided, abetted, or conspired with another to
- 21 cause any person to violate any of the provisions of the act or any rules
- 22 or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to the act;
- 23 (iii) Obtained a license or permit under the act by fraud,
- 24 misrepresentation, or concealment;
- (iv) Has been convicted of, forfeited bond upon a charge of, or 25
- 26 pleaded quilty or nolo contendere to any offense or crime, whether a
- 27 felony or a misdemeanor, involving any gambling activity or fraud, theft,
- willful failure to make required payments or reports, or filing false 28
- 29 reports with a governmental agency at any level;
- 30 (v) Denied the department or its authorized representatives,
- including authorized law enforcement agencies, access to any place where 31

- activity required to be licensed under the act is being conducted or 1
- failed to produce for inspection or audit any book, record, document, or 2
- 3 item required by law, rule, or regulation;
- (vi) Made a misrepresentation of or failed to disclose a material 4
- 5 fact to the department;
- 6 (vii) Failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence such
- 7 applicant's qualifications to be licensed in accordance with the act;
- 8 (viii) Failed to pay any taxes and additions to taxes, including
- 9 penalties and interest required by the act or any other taxes imposed
- pursuant to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967; or 10
- 11 (ix) Has been cited for a violation of the Nebraska Liquor Control
- 12 Act and had a liquor license suspended, canceled, or revoked by the
- Nebraska Liquor Control Commission for illegal gambling activities on or 13
- 14 about the premises licensed by the commission pursuant to the Nebraska
- 15 Liquor Control Act or the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated
- pursuant to such act. 16
- (c) No renewal of a license issued pursuant to this section shall be 17
- issued when the applicant for renewal would not be eligible for a license 18
- upon a first application. 19
- 20 (3) Beginning January 1, 2025, the annual license for a distributor
- 21 of a cash device shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars per
- 22 cash device up to a maximum of five thousand dollars.
- 23 (4) The Tax Commissioner has the authority to suspend or revoke the
- 24 license of any distributor that is in violation of the Mechanical
- Amusement Device Tax Act. 25
- 26 (5) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax
- 27 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (2) of section 9-1312, prior to the
- winnings payment of any cash device winnings as defined in section 28
- 29 9-1303, a distributor of a cash device shall check the collection system
- 30 to determine if the winner has a debt or an outstanding state tax
- liability as required by the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding 31

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- Debt Act. If such distributor determines that the winner is subject to 1
- 2 the collection system, the distributor shall deduct the amount of debt
- 3 and outstanding state tax liability identified in the collection system
- from the winnings payment and shall remit the net winnings payment of 4
- 5 cash device winnings, if any, to the winner and the amount deducted to
- 6 the Department of Revenue to be credited against such debt or outstanding
- 7 state tax liability as provided in section 9-1306.
- 8 Sec. 18. Section 77-3014, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 9 2024, is amended to read:
- 77-3014 Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax 10
- Commissioner pursuant to subsection (2) of section 9-1312, prior to the 11
- 12 winnings payment of any cash device winnings as defined in section
- 9-1303, a manufacturer of a cash device that makes winnings payments 13
- 14 shall check the collection system to determine if the winner has a debt
- 15 or an outstanding state tax liability as required by the Gambling
- Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act. If such manufacturer determines 16
- 17 that the winner is subject to the collection system, the manufacturer
- shall deduct the amount of debt and outstanding state tax liability 18
- identified in the collection system from the winnings payment and shall 19
- 20 remit the net winnings payment of cash device winnings, if any, to the
- 21 winner and the amount deducted to the Department of Revenue to be
- 22 credited against such debt or outstanding state tax liability as provided
- 23 in section 9-1306.
- 24 Renumber the remaining sections and correct the
- 25 accordingly.