

March 12, 1991 LB 200, 358

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the advancement of 358.

PRESIDENT MOUL: LB 358 is advanced. LB 200.

CLERK: LB 200 introduced by Senators Smith, Johnson, Will, Rogers, Hartnett, Rasmussen and Cudaback. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 11, referred to General Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body, the concept of this bill was requested by the State Racing Commission. The commission is given the power in this bill to fine licensees who violate the commission's rules and regulations. Currently, the commission can revoke or suspend licenses only. The proposed fine can be instead of or concurrent with license suspension or revocation and the fine would not exceed \$1,000 and it must be proportional to the seriousness of the violation in the extent to which the licensee derived financial gain as a result of the violation. The second part of the bill would be that the commission is allowed to fingerprint any licensee or applicant for the purposes of conducting a background check for any criminal history from records that are maintained by the FBI. And then the applicant or licensee would have to pay the actual cost of any fingerprinting and the background work. I want to make it very clear that the requirements do not apply to employees of food or drink concessions who do not work in restricted access areas or to admissions employees. This makes it comparable to the same kinds of requirements that the Liquor Commission has. That's the gist of the bill. I would also say, in all fairness, and Senator Hall is not on the floor this morning, that he has expressed a concern in prior hearings on this bill that what we're doing in his words is requiring only the little guys to be licensed but not the big guys and he has asked if they would be...it would be opposed to being fingerprinted also and they have said that they were not adverse to that and they would like to look at it along with him, so I would assume that Senator Hall will have an amendment on Select and I will be supportive of that amendment at that time. I ask for your support in voting for LB 200. Thank you.