

**Senator Klein from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1949:** A bill for an act relating to gambling; authorizing and providing for sports betting; establishing licenses; prohibiting local restrictions; providing for taxation of sports betting; providing civil and criminal penalties; providing for amateur sports grants; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 240.01, subdivision 1b; 245.98, subdivision 2; 260B.007, subdivision 16; 609.75, subdivisions 3, 4, 7, by adding a subdivision; 609.755; 609.76, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 240A; 299L; 609; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297J.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 9, after line 10, insert:

"Subd. 5. **Helpline.** The commissioner must provide a helpline, accessible by telephone or online live chat, that operates 24 hours per day and seven days per week, staffed by people trained in the psychology of gambling disorders and suicide prevention to assist those who contact the helpline to help the person with a gambling disorder.

Subd. 6. **Methods for identifying people at risk for gambling disorders.** The commissioner must monitor the sports betting industry for the most effective methods to identify people with a gambling disorder. The commissioner must adopt rules to implement best practices to prevent sports betting by people flagged as having a gambling disorder or being at risk of developing a gambling disorder.

Subd. 7. **Exclusion audits.** The commissioner must periodically conduct audits as to the compliance of platform providers and operators with the any preclusions on sports betting in section 299L.45."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 18, line 5, after "gambling" insert "and must provide a warning, as specified by the commissioner, that gambling may be addictive and may cause financial hardship"

Page 19, delete line 23

Page 19, line 24, delete "(6)" and insert "(5)"

Page 19, line 25, delete "(7)" and insert "(6)"

Page 20, line 2, delete "or"

Page 20, line 3, delete the period and insert "; or"

Page 20, after line 3, insert:

"(5) in-game betting."

2.1 Page 20, line 10, after the period, insert "A mobile sports betting account provider must  
2.2 allow a person to set the following limits for the person's mobile sports betting account:"

2.3 Page 20, after line 10, insert:

2.4 "(1) a limit on the amount that can be deposited within a specified period;

2.5 (2) a limit on losses within a specified period; and

2.6 (3) a limit on the time spent placing bets.

2.7 The mobile sports betting account must not allow the account to be used to place bets when  
2.8 the person has met a limit the person has set. The mobile sports betting account provider  
2.9 must provide notice to the person of the opportunity to set these limits at the time the person  
2.10 sets up the account and annually after setup and must require a person to either set limits  
2.11 or affirm that the person does not want to set any limits at account setup and annually after  
2.12 setup. The notice must be worded and formatted as specified by the commissioner."

2.13 Page 22, line 12, delete "three," and after "years" insert "or for the person's lifetime"

2.14 Page 22, line 13, after "person" insert "whose name was added to the exclusion list under  
2.15 paragraph (a) due to a concern regarding the person's compulsive gambling"

2.16 Page 22, line 15, delete "class" and insert "program"

2.17 Page 22, after line 19, insert:

2.18 "(d) A mobile platform provider must provide a user the opportunity to request to be on  
2.19 the exclusion list for a specified time of one or five years or for the person's lifetime. The  
2.20 platform provider must report the request to the commissioner and the commissioner must  
2.21 immediately add the person's name and exclusion request to the list maintained under this  
2.22 section.

2.23 (e) The commissioner must provide through the agency's website a form for a person to  
2.24 make a request to be included on the exclusion list for a specified time of one or five years  
2.25 or for the person's lifetime."

2.26 Page 23, after line 5, insert:

2.27 "Subd. 3. **Personal limits on wagering.** (a) A mobile sports betting operator or mobile  
2.28 sports betting platform provider must allow individuals to establish the following types of  
2.29 limits on their own wagering activity:

2.30 (1) a limit on the amount the person can lose in a 24-hour period before triggering a  
2.31 cooling-off period;

3.1 (2) a limit on the amount a person can lose in a 30-day period before triggering a  
3.2 cooling-off period;

3.3 (3) the maximum amount a person may deposit into the person's mobile sports betting  
3.4 account in a 24-hour period;

3.5 (4) the maximum amount of time a person can be logged into their mobile sports betting  
3.6 program in a 24-hour period; and

3.7 (5) a cooling off period during which time the person is not able to place wagers.

3.8 (b) A mobile sports betting operator or mobile sports betting platform provider must set  
3.9 the limits in paragraph (a) to the following default limits for a new account, subject to any  
3.10 limits established by law:

3.11 (1) \$500 is the default amount of losses a person can incur in a 24-hour period before  
3.12 the person is prohibited from wagering;

3.13 (2) \$3,000 is the default limit on the amount a person can lose in a 30-day period before  
3.14 the person is prohibited from wagering;

3.15 (3) \$500 is the default maximum amount a person may deposit into the person's mobile  
3.16 sports betting account in a 24-hour period;

3.17 (4) four hours per 24-hour period is the default limit on the time that a person may be  
3.18 continuously logged into a mobile sports betting application; and

3.19 (5) 72 hours is the default length of a cooling off period if a person requests a cooling  
3.20 off period during which time wagers from the person cannot be accepted.

3.21 (c) A mobile sports betting operator or mobile sports betting platform provider must not  
3.22 accept a wager from a person in a cooling off period or in an exclusion period set by a person  
3.23 in paragraph (a) or, if the person does not set exclusion periods under paragraph (a), during  
3.24 the default exclusion periods established in paragraph (b).

3.25 (d) A mobile sports betting operator must allow a person to make changes to their  
3.26 exclusion settings under paragraph (a) in ways that make them more restrictive at any time  
3.27 and those limits must take effect immediately. Changes that make the exclusion settings  
3.28 under paragraph (a) less restrictive become effective 7 days after the person makes the  
3.29 change.

3.30 (e) A mobile sports betting operator must require a person to review the limits in  
3.31 paragraph (a) annually.

(f) A mobile sports betting operator must report to the commissioner when a person becomes excluded due to hitting a limit set under paragraph (a) or (b). The commissioner must communicate to other licensed mobile sports betting operators or platform providers as necessary to make the exclusion effective across all opportunities for participating in sports betting in Minnesota."

Page 29, after line 22, insert:

**"Sec. 23. [299L.655] STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE OF GAMBLING; APPROPRIATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Baseline study.** The commissioner must commission a study on gambling activity in Minnesota prior to the implementation of sports betting in Minnesota. The study must determine the prevalence of gambling in the state and the incidence of problem gambling, identifying the number of people who participate in various forms of gambling.

Subd. 2. **Continued study.** Three years after the baseline study, and every three years thereafter, the commissioner must commission an update for the study of the prevalence of gambling and the incidence and level of problem gambling.

Subd. 3. **Appropriations.** Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, before the distribution required under section 297J.02, subdivision 7, paragraph (d), \$..... is appropriated from the sports betting revenue account in the special revenue fund to the commissioner of public safety for the study required in subdivision 2. The commissioner may contract with a third party to conduct the study.

**Sec. 24. [299L.6556] STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF SPORTS BETTING ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, GAMBLING DISORDERS, YOUTH GAMBLING, AND SUICIDE.**

The commissioner must commission a study on the impact of sports betting on the prevalence of gambling disorders, suicide related to gambling disorders, and risks to youth of developing gambling disorders, based on any research available on how sports betting has impacted these problems in jurisdictions where sports betting is occurring."

Page 30, after line 6, insert:

**"Sec. 27. [299L.80] REVIEW OF OTHER STATES' RESTRICTIONS.**

The commissioner must review the laws of other states in which wagering on sports is regulated to identify restrictions and safeguards on sports wagering that would be advisable

to ensure the integrity of sports betting and to provide effective safety measures to protect people with a gambling disorder or who are at risk of developing a gambling disorder. The commissioner must adopt rules to implement the restrictions and safeguards the commissioner identifies from other states as advisable under this section. By January 15 of each year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over sports wagering on advisable restrictions and safeguards, including draft legislation to implement the additional restrictions or safeguards."

Page 30, after line 11, insert:

"Sec. 29. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the study required under Minnesota Statutes, section 299L.655, subdivision 1. The commissioner may contract with a third party to conduct the study. This appropriation is onetime.

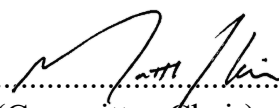
(b) \$..... in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for the study required under Minnesota Statutes, section 299L.6556. The commissioner may contract with a third party to conduct the study. This appropriation is onetime."

Renumber the subdivisions and sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

  
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(Committee Chair)

March 5, 2024.....  
(Date of Committee recommendation)