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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to state government; establishing the Task Force on Charitable Gambling
1.3 Taxation; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON CHARITABLE GAMBLING TAXATION.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** The words used in this section have the meanings given in
1.7 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 349.

1.8 Subd. 2. **Membership.** The Task Force on Charitable Gambling Taxation consists of
1.9 the following seven members:

1.10 (1) two members of the senate, including one senator appointed by the senate majority
1.11 leader and one senator appointed by the senate minority leader;

1.12 (2) two members of the house of representatives, including one member appointed by
1.13 the speaker of the house and one member appointed by the minority leader;

1.14 (3) the commissioner of veterans affairs or a person designated by the commissioner of
1.15 veterans affairs; and

1.16 (4) two individuals, each of which is a member of a nonprofit organization licensed to
1.17 conduct lawful gambling, selected by the trade association representing a majority of the
1.18 licensed organizations in Minnesota. One of the two individuals must be from an organization
1.19 located in greater Minnesota.

1.20 Subd. 3. **Terms; vacancies.** A vacancy in the membership of the task force must be
1.21 filled in a manner that will preserve the representation established by this section.

2.1 Subd. 4. **Duties.** The task force shall review current taxes imposed under Minnesota
2.2 Statutes, chapter 297E, on lawful gambling, how those taxes affect gross profits of
2.3 organizations licensed to conduct lawful gambling, and how modifications to those taxes
2.4 would affect licensed organizations and the state.

2.5 Subd. 5. **Chair.** The task force shall elect a chair by a majority vote of those members
2.6 present.

2.7 Subd. 6. **Meetings.** The meetings of the task force are subject to Minnesota Statutes,
2.8 section 3.055. The meetings of the task force are not subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter
2.9 13D.

2.10 Subd. 7. **Administration.** The Legislative Coordinating Commission shall provide
2.11 administrative services for the task force.

2.12 Subd. 8. **Compensation.** The member appointed by the commissioners or their designees
2.13 may be compensated and reimbursed as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,
2.14 subdivision 3. Legislative members may receive per diem for attending commission meetings
2.15 in accordance with the rules of their respective bodies and may be reimbursed for reasonable
2.16 expenses as provided by the rules of their respective bodies.

2.17 Subd. 9. **Report.** By February 15, 2019, the task force shall submit a report on the results
2.18 of the task force's review to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative
2.19 committees with jurisdiction over taxes, state government policy, and state government
2.20 finance. The report shall include recommendations for modifications to charitable gambling
2.21 tax rates if the task force determines that a modification in tax rates is advisable. The report
2.22 shall include any draft legislation required to implement the recommendations of the task
2.23 force.

2.24 Subd. 10. **Sunset.** The commission sunsets March 1, 2019, or the day after submission
2.25 of the report required in subdivision 9, whichever is earlier.

2.26 Subd. 11. **First appointments.** Appointing authorities must make initial appointments
2.27 to the Task Force on Charitable Gambling Taxation by July 1, 2018.

2.28 Subd. 12. **First meeting.** The senator appointed by the senate majority leader shall
2.29 convene the first meeting of the Task Force on Charitable Gambling Taxation by September
2.30 15, 2018.

2.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

3.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

3.2 \$10,000 in fiscal year 2018 is appropriated from the general fund to the Legislative
3.3 Coordinating Commission to support the work of the Task Force on Charitable Gambling
3.4 Taxation. This appropriation is available for fiscal year 2019.

3.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.