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SENATE MEMORIAL 25

55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE REVENUE
STABILIZATION AND TAX POLICY COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATIVE
INTERIM COMMITTEES DEALING WITH COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE
AND INDIAN AFFAIRS TO EXAMINE THE STATE OF GAMING IN NEW MEXICO
TO HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF GAMING IN NEW MEXICO SO THAT IT IS
COMPETITIVE WITH OTHER STATES, MAXIMIZES TOURISM AND IS
SUSTAINABLE INTO THE FUTURE.

WHEREAS, New Mexico gambling laws state that all forms of
gambling are illegal unless specifically exempted under state
law; and

WHEREAS, horse racing was the first form of legalized
gambling in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico's five horse racing tracks offer live
racing, off-track betting, slots, video poker and electronic

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1 table games; and

2 WHEREAS, charities may hold games of chance if they
3 qualify as a nonprofit organization under federal law, and
4 raffles and bingo are authorized under specific circumstances,
5 with the state lottery being another form of state-sanctioned
6 gambling; and

7 WHEREAS, there are currently twenty-six casinos operating
8 in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, the only legal form of online gambling in New
10 Mexico is off-track betting; and

11 WHEREAS, in the future, online casinos, poker and sports
12 betting sites could provide additional revenue options for the
13 state;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
15 OF NEW MEXICO that the legislative finance committee, the
16 revenue stabilization and tax policy committee and the
17 legislative interim committees that deal with courts,
18 corrections and justice and Indian affairs be requested, but
19 not be limited, to examine the state of gaming in New Mexico,
20 including a detailed examination of the revenue aspects, the
21 tax consequences to all stakeholders should gaming be expanded
22 or changed, the state of gaming laws and opportunities and
23 impacts to liquor license holders should gaming be expanded to
24 selected license holders, to help shape the future of gaming in
25 New Mexico so that it is competitive with other states,

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1 maximizes tourism, creates economic opportunity and is
2 sustainable into the future; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committees report their
4 findings and conclusions to the legislative council service,
5 the gaming control board, the governor and New Mexico's gaming
6 Indian nations, tribes and pueblos no later than December 31,
7 2022; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the chair of the legislative finance committee,
10 the chair of the revenue stabilization and tax policy
11 committee, the co-chairs of the legislative interim committee
12 dealing with courts, corrections and justice issues, the co-
13 chairs of the legislative interim committee dealing with Indian
14 affairs issues, the director of the legislative council
15 service, the governor, the executive director of the gaming
16 control board and the governors of New Mexico's gaming Indian
17 nations, tribes and pueblos.