Summary Delete-Everything Amendment to H.F. 356 (A20-0747) Minnesota Gambling Control Board

House Commerce Committee Meeting 4/27/20

Section 1: Emergency Expenditures/Business Loans Allowed

Allows a short-term loan from a veterans or fraternal organization's gambling funds to its general fund to relieve effects of the bar and restaurant shutdown.

Sections 2 and 4: Star Rating Waived

Waives requirement to spend 30% of net receipts on lawful purposes in FY20 and extends probation period by one year for organizations on probation in FY20. The requirements of Minnesota Statutes, Section 349.15, subdivision 1(b), are waived for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

Section 3: Lawful Gambling Equipment Sales on Credit Exemption

The 30-day limit on credit for the sale of lawful gambling equipment would not include the time bars/restaurants are closed due to COVID-19.

Section 5: License Renewal Dates Extended

(Affects organization licenses, premises permits, gambling manager licenses, and manufacturer, distributor/salespersons, and linked bingo game provider licenses.) Allows licensees to establish normal operations following the conclusion of the bar/restaurant closings due to COVID-19 by extending licenses an additional 60 days.

Section 6: Exempt Permit Late Filing Fee Waived

Waives 60-day late filing fee for groups exempt under 349.166, subd. 2(3). Allows exempt groups to reschedule a postponed activity for up to 400 days from the original activity date to accommodate exempt activity at annual events.

Section 7: Emergency Gambling Manager Training Requirement Extended

Extends the 90-day emergency gambling manager training requirement by an additional 60 days to allow individuals time to schedule training once Executive Order 20-20 is lifted to allow for classroom training whether in person or other education opportunities are created.