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Overview

Authorizes sports wagering and sets requirements for the operation, licensure, governing rules, and taxation of sports wagering operations. Requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to consult the Minnesota State Lottery on sports-wagering rules and licensing requirements. Requires joint operating agreements between sports wagering operators and the Minnesota State Lottery. Grants joint authority over sports pools and sports wagering to the Minnesota State Lottery and the Commissioner of Public Safety.

Section

- 1 **Definitions.** Establishes a variety of definitions pursuant to the proposed chapter 349C, including definitions for collegiate and professional sports events, prohibited sports events, sports pools, and sports wagering lounges.
- 2 **Sports wagering.**
 - Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to issue licenses for operators of sports pools.
 - Authorizes the Minnesota State Lottery to operate a sports pool and requires other sports-wagering licensees to enter into joint operations agreements with the lottery.
 - Requires a license renewal every five years or sooner.
 - Requires sports pools to be operated in a sports wagering lounge.
 - Allows licensees to contract with other licensed entities to conduct a sports pool.

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- 3** **Employees.** Requires registration of sports wagering lounge employees and designation of key employees with operational responsibility.
- 4** **Authority; rules.** Establishes joint regulatory authority over sports pools and sports wagering by the Commissioner of Public Safety and the Minnesota State Lottery. Sets the guidelines for rulemaking and requires the Commissioner of Public Safety to consult the lottery when developing the rules.
- 5** **Operators.** Requires sports wagering operators to adopt and publish to their patrons house rules on amounts to be paid on winning wagers and the effect of schedule changes.
- 6** **Joint operations.** Establishes a role for the lottery in any sports wagering operation and subjects sports wagering licensee gross revenues to an 8% tax, to be paid into the State Lottery fund. Dedicates license fee revenue to compulsive gambling programs. Excludes a contractual amount of revenue due to the lottery from the definition of gross revenue.
- 7** **Revenues.** Defines gross revenues as the sum received by licensees less winnings.
- 8** **Internet.** Prohibits internet wagering.