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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 437,
L.D. 1352, "An Act To Regulate Sports Betting"

Amend the amendment in section 2 in §103 in subsection 3 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 34 in amendment) by striking out the following: "section 1218, subsection 1, paragraph E and Title 8, section 1218, subsection 2, paragraph" and inserting the following: 'section 1219, subsection 1, paragraph E and Title 8, section 1219, subsection 2, paragraph'

Amend the amendment in section 3 in §290 in subsection 1 in the first and 2nd lines (page 2, lines 10 and 11 in amendment) by striking out the following: "received pursuant to section 1218, subsection 1, paragraph C and section 1218, subsection 2, paragraph C and amounts" and inserting the following: 'received pursuant to section 1219, subsection 1, paragraph C and section 1219, subsection 2, paragraph C and amounts'

Amend the amendment on page 4 by inserting before §1215 the following:

§1215. Certain sports wagers prohibited

1. Prohibited wagers. An operator may not, with respect to a sports event of a sports governing body headquartered in the United States, offer or accept wagers on the occurrence of injuries or penalties, the outcome of player disciplinary rulings or replay reviews.

2. Request from sports governing body. A sports governing body may submit to the director in writing a request to restrict, limit or exclude a certain type, form or category of sports wagering with respect to sports events of that sports governing body if the sports governing body believes that that type, form or category of sports wagering with respect to sports events of that sports governing body may undermine the integrity or perceived integrity of that sports governing body or sports events of that sports governing body. The director shall request comment from operators on all requests under this subsection. After giving due consideration to all comments received, the director shall, upon a demonstration of good cause from the sports governing body that the type, form or category of sports wagering is likely to undermine the integrity or perceived integrity of that sports governing body or sports events of that sports governing body, grant the request. The director shall respond to a request concerning a particular event before the start of the event or, if it is not feasible to respond before the start of the event, no later than 7 days after the request is made. If the director determines that the sports governing body is more likely than not to

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1 prevail in successfully demonstrating good cause for its request, the director may
2 provisionally grant the request of the sports governing body until the director makes a final
3 determination as to whether the sports governing body has demonstrated good cause.
4 Absent such a provisional grant by the director, an operator may continue to offer sports
5 wagering on sports events that are the subject of that request during the pendency of the
6 director's consideration of the request.'

7 Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or
8 section number to read consecutively.

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment categorically prohibits the making of sports wagers on the occurrence
11 of injuries or penalties or the outcome of player disciplinary rulings or replay reviews. The
12 amendment also authorizes a sports governing body to request that certain additional
13 categories of sports wagers be prohibited if those wagers would undermine the integrity or
14 perceived integrity of the sports governing body or sports events of the sports governing
15 body.

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