

Bill No.: HB0133 **Effective:** **Multiple Dates**

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Enrolled Act No.: HEA No. 0050

Chapter No.: 100

Prime Sponsor: Walters

Catch Title: **Online sports wagering.**

Subject: Authorizing and regulating online sports wagering.

Summary/Major Elements:

- This act makes legal two (2) activities that were previously not legal in Wyoming:
 - Online sports wagering
 - Participation in fantasy sports contests
- The act provides the definitions and requirements for standards, procedures and permits for the Wyoming Gaming Commission to promulgate rules to govern the conduct of online sports wagering. The act outlines requirements and procedures for issuing and denying permits to sports wagering operators and sports wagering vendors.
- The act establishes the application and permit fees for a sports wagering operator and a sports wagering vendor. The act creates an account for deposit of the application and permit fees and from which to administer the online sports wagering regulation.
- The act specifies that a sports wagering operator shall remit ten percent (10%) of its revenue to the Gaming Commission. A portion of these revenues shall be distributed to counties to fund programs to address problematic gambling behavior and the remainder of the monies shall be distributed to the state's general fund.
- The act indicates that no person younger than eighteen (18) years old shall engage in online sports wagering.
- This act provides for enforcement of the regulations and for a compliance program. It also establishes civil penalties for violating the regulations.
- The act specifies that fantasy sports contests and online sports wagering regulated by the Gaming Commission are not prohibited gambling under Wyoming's criminal laws.

Comments:

- Creates a major program: This act directs the Wyoming Gaming Commission to regulate an entirely new activity, online sports wagering, and creates the regulating statutes.
- Has a delayed effective date: Sections 1 and 2 of the act are effective September 1, 2021 (Sections 3 and 4 are effective immediately).

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