



Omnibus Gambling Bills 2022

Lottery + Casino Gambling + Sports Betting = A Bad Bet for Bama

These bills are not about controlling what is already happening illegally or enforcing the law; that's a lie.

We have 3 currently legal sites in Alabama (on Poarch Creek lands) - all other gambling is illegal. Why are our elected officials not enforcing the law instead of legalizing an unconstitutional action?

These bills would not only legalize what's illegal now but create a huge expansion of gambling statewide:

Legalizes 10 casinos:

4 PCI (3 current PCI + extra PCI)

4 current illegal (Greentrack, Victoryland, Bham & Mobile)

+2 "Satellite" locations (Lowndes & Houston County)

$4 + 4 + 2 = 10$

"Satellite" locations allowed 300 slot machines each & the other 8 locations allowed every type of betting and table games and sports betting statewide. Basically, there would be a fully functional casino every 35 miles in the state.

Makes sports betting legal and would bring gambling to every living room in the state. There is a provision saying participants must be 21, but there is no oversight for off-site betting.

Allows for sports betting contracts to be made nationwide but the money must be funneled through the gambling monopoly.

Creates two satellite casino sites that would be slot machines only (up to 300).

Expands gambling statewide by allowing bingo and raffle events to be licensed by the commission.

Creates state sponsored lottery but the proceeds would have wide usage and aren't specifically designated for scholarships or K-12.

They're calling the lottery portion the "Alabama Education Lottery", but the money isn't specifically for scholarships - it's for whatever the commission says the money should go to (after their unlimited expenses). The language says anything that supports educational attainment or fulfill the state's workforce needs is fair game.

Even those who are pro-gambling should be against these bills:

Allows ONLY the chosen monopoly operators to have casino licenses. Allows ONLY the chosen monopoly operators to have sports betting licenses.

Creates an unelected commission of nine members who will set rules and regulations and enforcement of all gambling operations.

The unelected commission has subpoena powers. The unelected commission has arrest powers.

Establishes an enforcement division giving all commission personnel (down to administrative staff) arrest powers that would allow them to enforce all laws and give them enforcement authority OVER local sheriffs or local law enforcement agencies and officers.

Picks winners and losers and creates constitutionally written monopolies for operators who have been breaking the law; writes their names in our constitution forever.

Gives the unelected commission the ability to revoke and transfer licenses to new operators at will. Gives the unelected commission the ability to allow operators to relocate casinos after five years of legal operation.

Claims there is a “competitive process” but literally writes in names and bid amounts for certain locations that are currently illegally operating and aren’t for sale. Also allows the current lawbreakers the right to make the last/final bid.

Only up to 1/2 of 1 percent of lottery proceeds could be spent toward addressing problem gambling.

The commission takes casino, sports betting, and lottery proceeds to operate their new bureaucracy without any monetary limitation.

Taxes casinos at 20% and restricts the tax from ever exceeding 30%. Any tax increase would require a 2/3 legislative vote for passage. No other state or local taxes would be able to be levied on casino locations.

Casino profits are earmarked for certain “needs” of the state: long term mental health facilities, broadband, rural healthcare, grant programs (read pork), prisons, and state parks.