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SENATE BILL 574  
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Proposed Conference Committee Substitute S574-PCCS35345-ST-1

Short Title: Study Establish Gaming Comm/Sports Betting.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 4, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO STUDY THE STATUS OF SPORTS BETTING AND WHETHER OR NOT TO  
ESTABLISH A GAMING COMMISSION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall study all of the following matters related to gaming in North Carolina, including the feasibility of authorizing and regulating sports betting, on-site betting at horse steeplechases, and the creation of a commission to provide oversight of gaming in this State. As part of its study, the North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall address all of the following:

- (1) Examine gaming activities currently prohibited, gaming activities currently authorized by the State, and the feasibility of the General Assembly authorizing new gaming activities.
- (2) Examine sports betting, including the following:
  - a. Any authorizations and restrictions on such activities in this State.
  - b. Any effects of authorizing sports betting on existing tribal games in this State and on lottery activities, if any.
  - c. The positive and negative impacts of authorizing sports betting in this State.
  - d. Potential revenues and expenditures for the State, if sports betting is authorized.
  - e. Appropriate regulation and oversight of sports betting, including potential licensing of operators.
- (3) Examine on-site betting at horse steeplechases, including the following:
  - a. Any authorizations and restrictions on such activities in this State.
  - b. The potential economic development impacts of revitalizing horse steeplechases in this State.
  - c. Potential revenues and expenditures for the State, if on-site betting at horse steeplechases is authorized.
  - d. Appropriate regulation and oversight of on-site betting at horse steeplechases, including potential licensing requirements.
- (4) Examine creating a gaming division or commission to provide administration, oversight, and enforcement of gaming regulations in this State, including a review of Senate Bill 574, Third Edition, 2019 Regular Session.



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- 1           (5)    Examine whether any additional resources may be needed for assistance to  
2                    those with gambling addictions.  
3           (6)    Any other matters the Commission deems relevant.  
4           **SECTION 2.** The North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall contract with an  
5 independent third party to conduct research for the study required by this act, using funds  
6 appropriated to the Commission. The North Carolina State Lottery Commission shall report its  
7 findings and recommendations, together with any proposed legislation, to the Joint Legislative  
8 Oversight Committee on the State Lottery on or before April 15, 2020.  
9           **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.