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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

Allows sports gambling and wagering games by the lottery; imposes a tax on licensed sports bookmaking.

#### Section

- 1 Sports games.** Defines sports games; ties this definition to professional sports.
- 2 Powers and duties.** Adds establishing games procedures for sports games to the lottery director's duties.
- 3 Lottery game procedures.** Adds sports games to existing statutes.
- 4 Contracts.** Adds sports games to existing lottery language.
- 5 Restrictions on lottery retailers.** Includes sports games into existing retailer language.
- 6 Retention by retailers.** Adds in sports games to existing lottery language.
- 7 Retailer rental payments.** Adds sports games into existing lottery language.
- 8 Proceeds of sales.** Adds sports games into existing lottery language.
- 9 Cancellation, suspension, and refusal to renew contracts of locations.** Adds sports games to existing lottery enforcement language.
- 10 Lottery prizes.** Adds sports games to existing language on prizes, agreements of players on game rules, forbidding of payout to persons under 18 years of age, and other existing lottery provisions.
- 11 Lottery advertising.** Adds sports games to existing regulation of lottery advertising.
- 12 Deposit of receipts.** Adds sports games to existing language.

- 13 Lottery ticket; retailer.** Adds sports games to this existing statute.
- 14 Prohibited acts.** Adds violations for persons under age 18 participating in a sports game; adds sports games to other enforcement related language.
- 15 Restrictions.** Removes sports games from a current prohibition on gambling to conform with this bill.
- 16 Sports bookmaking license.** Establishes a sports bookmaking license. Licenses allow persons to accept wagers on professional sports events. Establishes conditions for licensure, and enforcement powers of the Director. Establishes fees and a bond requirement, and exempts licensed book makers from criminal statutes.
- 17 Licensed sports bookmaking tax.** Establishes a book making tax for licensed bookmakers. The tax is based on gross revenues, and is graduated according to these gross revenues. Revenues are deposited in the general fund.
- 18 Sports bookmaking.** Excludes licensed sports bookmaking from existing criminal statutory definition.
- 19 Report.** Requires the director of the lottery to report by January 1, 2012, on the present and future prospects of legal and illegal sports bookmaking in Minnesota, and to recommend any changes to this act.
- 20 Effective Date.** July 1, 2010.