

**ASSEMBLY, No. 636**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Assemblyman RALPH R. CAPUTO**

**District 28 (Essex)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes penalties for accepting wagers on prohibited sports events.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1   **AN ACT** establishing penalties for certain sports wagering violations  
2       and supplementing P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10 et seq.).

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4       **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
5       *of New Jersey:*

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7       1. In addition to any sanctions authorized pursuant to the  
8       provisions of section 129 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-129) or any  
9       other law or rule or regulation, the Division of Gaming  
10      Enforcement or the New Jersey Racing Commission, as appropriate,  
11      shall impose the following penalties on the holder of a sports  
12      wagering license or the operator of a sports pool or online sports  
13      pool that the division or commission determines has accepted  
14      wagers on a prohibited sports event, as defined in section 1 of  
15      P.L.2018, c.33 (C.5:12A-10):

16       payment of an amount equal to all wagers improperly accepted  
17      on the prohibited sports event; and

18       payment of not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$100,000;  
19      and

20       suspension of the licensee or operator from the conduct of sports  
21      wagering for a period of not more than 10 days.

22       All monetary penalties imposed pursuant to this section by the  
23      Division of Gaming Enforcement shall be paid by the licensee or  
24      operator to the division for deposit in the Casino Control Fund,  
25      established pursuant to section 143 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-  
26      143), to be used for the expenses of the division and the Casino  
27      Control Commission. All monetary penalties imposed pursuant to  
28      this section by the New Jersey Racing Commission shall be paid by  
29      the licensee or operator to the commission for deposit in the State  
30      general fund and appropriated each fiscal year to the Racing  
31      Commission to be used for the expenses of that commission.

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33       2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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38       This bill provides that the Division of Gaming Enforcement or  
39      the New Jersey Racing Commission, as appropriate, will impose the  
40      following penalties on the holder of a sports wagering license or the  
41      operator of a sports pool or online sports pool that the division or  
42      commission determines has accepted wagers on a prohibited sports  
43      event:

44       payment of an amount equal to all wagers improperly accepted  
45      on the prohibited sports event; and

46       payment of not less than \$20,000 and not more than \$100,000;  
47      and

1       suspension of the licensee or operator from the conduct of sports  
2       wagering for a period of not more than 10 days.

3       All monetary penalties imposed under this bill by the Division of  
4       Gaming Enforcement will be paid by the licensee or operator to the  
5       division for deposit in the Casino Control Fund. Moneys in the  
6       Casino Control Fund are appropriated for operating expenses of the  
7       Casino Control Commission and the Division of Gaming  
8       Enforcement. All monetary penalties imposed under this bill by the  
9       New Jersey Racing Commission will be paid by the licensee or  
10      operator to the commission for deposit in the State general fund and  
11      appropriated each fiscal year to the Racing Commission to be used  
12      for the expenses of that commission

13      Existing law defines a “prohibited sports event” as “any  
14      collegiate sport or athletic event that takes place in New Jersey or a  
15      sport or athletic event in which any New Jersey college team  
16      participates regardless of where the event takes place. A  
17      ‘prohibited sports event’ does not include the other games of a  
18      collegiate sport or athletic tournament in which a New Jersey  
19      college team participates, nor does it include any games of a  
20      collegiate tournament that occurs outside New Jersey even though  
21      some of the individual games or events are held in New Jersey. A  
22      prohibited sports event includes all high school sports events,  
23      electronic sports, and competitive video games but does not include  
24      international sports events in which persons under age 18 make up a  
25      minority of the participants.”