



## HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill:	Senate File 442	House Committee:	<b>PASSED</b> on March 29 (18-3)
Committee:	State Government	House Floor:	
Floor Manager:	Rep. Koester	Senate Floor:	<b>PASSED</b> on March 14 (47-2)
Date:	April 6, 2017	Governor:	
Staff:	Mackenzie Nading (1-3626)		

### Voluntary Exclusion from Gambling Facilities

- Since 2004, a person can voluntarily request to be banned from all casinos in Iowa by signing a self-exclusion form. Upon signing the voluntary self-exclusion form, the person’s information is shared via a confidential database with all participating casinos in Iowa (tribal casinos are excluded).
- By signing this form, a person agrees to a lifetime ban from casinos and other gaming facilities in Iowa that cannot be removed. Current language restricts self-excluded individuals from being on a participating casino’s property, including hotel, gaming floor, meeting rooms, etc.
- This bill would change the self-exclusion form to have two options, a 5-year ban or a lifetime ban.
- This bill provides an option for those who are currently banned for a lifetime to revoke the exclusion by filing a form with the racing and gaming commission. In order for an individual to do so they have to have been excluded for at least five years.

### Section by Section Analysis

#### Section 1 – 99D.7 – Pari-mutuel wagering - powers:

This code section currently requires a licensee to establish a process to allow a person to be voluntarily excluded for life from their establishment

This section is amended so that instead of being voluntarily excluded for life, a person will be excluded from the wagering area of a racetrack enclosure, and from the gaming floor of all licensed facilities under this chapter, for a period of **either five years or life**

#### Section 2 – 99F.4 – License to conduct gambling games on excursion gambling boats and at gambling structures – license to operate boat – applications – operating agreements – fee:

The above changes to the voluntary self-exclusion time line shall also apply to gambling boats

#### Section 3 – Gambling self-exclusion – revocation:

A person who has voluntarily excluded themselves for life prior to the effective date of this act may revoke the voluntary exclusions by filing a form with the racing and gaming commission. A person may revoke this exclusion only if they have been excluded for a period of at least five years

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## **Amendment Analysis**

**H – 1248 by Committee on State Government** - Requires that a person requesting to be voluntarily excluded be provided information compiled by the Iowa Department of Public Health (DPH) on gambling treatment options. Includes conforming changes.

**H – 1291 by Mascher** – Adds a new section that states the intent of the general assembly is that DPH be provided sufficient funding to conduct research, monitoring, and evaluation of Iowa’s gambling self-exclusion program

**H-1292 by Mascher** – Mandates that casinos and other gambling facilities governed by this bill provide training to any employees who may receive an inquiry from a person requesting to be voluntarily excluded

**H- 1293 by Mascher** – Mandates that if a person chooses to be voluntarily excluded for five years, they will remain excluded after five years unless they decline, in writing, to be removed from the list, and they attend a mandatory session on responsible gaming