

1 _____ BILL NO. _____

2 INTRODUCED BY _____
3 (Primary Sponsor)

4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING SPORTS POOL OR SPORTS TAB GAMING LAWS TO
5 REMOVE THE \$25 MAXIMUM ON THE SELLING PRICE FOR A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE; AND AMENDING
6 SECTION 23-5-503, MCA."

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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10 **Section 1.** Section 23-5-503, MCA, is amended to read:

11 **"23-5-503. Rules.** (1) The card or other device used for recording the sports pool or sports tab game
12 must clearly indicate in advance of the sale of any chances the number of chances to be sold in that specific pool,
13 the name of the event or series of events, the consideration to be paid for each chance, and the total amount or
14 percentage to be paid to the winners. The sports tabs must be purchased from a sports tab game seller licensed
15 under 23-5-513.

16 (2) Each sports tab or chance to participate in a sports pool must be sold for the same amount, ~~which~~
17 ~~may not exceed \$25,~~ and the total amount paid to all winners of any individual sports pool or sports tab game may
18 not exceed the value of \$2,500. Chances for a series of events may be purchased all at once prior to the
19 occurrence of the first event.

20 (3) (a) Except as provided in subsection (3)(b), the winners of any sports pool must receive a 100%
21 payout of the value of the sports pool. The winner of a sports tab game must receive at least 90% of the total cost
22 of the 100 sports tabs. The operator of the sports tab game may retain the remaining money for administration
23 and other expenses.

24 (b) A nonprofit organization that maintains records and opens the records to inspection upon reasonable
25 demand to verify that the retained portion is used to support charitable activities, scholarships or educational
26 grants, or community service projects may retain up to 50% of the value of a sports pool or sports tab game.

27 (4) A person or nonprofit organization conducting a sports pool or sports tab game may purchase
28 chances or sports tabs to participate in the sports pool or sports tab game but may not:

29 (a) retain any portion of the amount wagered in the sports pool or sports tab game, except as provided
30 in subsection (3)(b);

