



BILL SUMMARY

Voluntary Exclusion SF 442

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Background

Most states have some type of self-exclusion program as a treatment option for those who have a gambling problem. Of the states that belong to the American Gaming Association, all but three have some type of self-exclusion program. Length of these programs range from 6 months to a lifetime ban.

Iowa's self-exclusion program is a lifetime ban that cannot be overturned once the document is signed.

Summary

This changes the length of a self-exclusion to give those wishing to exclude themselves from a gaming establishment an option for 5 year exclusion. The option to exclude for life remains, if a person chooses. A person can remove themselves after any five- year period.

The bill also clarifies that a person on the self-exclusion list is only excluded from the gaming floor and wagering area, allowing them to attend an event at a casino, such as a class reunion.

For those currently on the self-exclusion list, they can have the exclusion revoked after the enactment of the law if they have been on the list for at least five years.

Amendment Summary

H-1248 by Committee on State Government

This amendment requires that a person wishing to put themselves on the self-exclusion list be provided information from the Department of Public Health on gambling addiction treatment options.