

SENATE BILL NO. 50

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 14:90.8, relative to sports wagering; to prohibit certain persons from wagering on sports events; to provide for definitions; to provide for penalties; to provide for exceptions; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:90.8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§90.8. Unlawful wagering; prohibited player

A.(1) It is unlawful for a prohibited player to wager on a sports event, personally or through another individual or proxy.

(2) It is unlawful for a person or entity to facilitate or place a sports wager on behalf of a prohibited player.

B. For purposes of this Section, "prohibited player" means a person who is prohibited from placing a wager on a sports event by any of the following:

(1) Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, particularly R.S. 27:608, or Louisiana Administrative Code Title 42, Part VI.

(2) Participation in a self-restriction or self-exclusion program in accordance with R.S. 27:27.1 or Louisiana Administrative Code Title 42, Part III, Chapter 3.

(3) Any other law, administrative rule, or policy of any jurisdiction, the sports wagering operator, the sports book, or a sports governing body.

C. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both. Upon a second or subsequent conviction for a violation of this Section, the penalty shall be a fine of one thousand dollars, or imprisonment with or without hard labor for not more than one year, or both.

1 **D. Whoever conducts, finances, manages, supervises, directs, leases, or**
 2 **owns all or part of a business when the person knowingly allows a prohibited**
 3 **player to wager on a sports event shall be fined not more than twenty thousand**
 4 **dollars, or imprisoned, with or without hard labor, for not more than five years,**
 5 **or both.**

6 **E.(1) A person, business, or entity licensed or sports wagering operator**
 7 **permitted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 10 of Title 27 of the Louisiana**
 8 **Revised Statutes of 1950 shall not be subject to the penalty contained in**
 9 **Subsection D of this Section if the licensee or permittee has taken commercially**
 10 **reasonable methods to prevent a prohibited player from placing a wager on a**
 11 **sports event in person, on a sports wagering mechanism, or through a mobile**
 12 **application.**

13 **(2) A sports wagering platform provider permitted pursuant to the**
 14 **provisions of Chapter 10 of Subtitle XI of Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised**
 15 **Statutes of 1950 shall not be subject to the penalty contained in Subsection D of**
 16 **this Section if the permittee has taken commercially reasonable methods to**
 17 **prevent a prohibited player from placing a wager on a sports event on a sports**
 18 **wagering mechanism or through a mobile application.**

19 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 23 effective on the day following such approval.

 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____