



1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 318

April 19, 1995 - Introduced by Representatives FREESE, HANDRICK, MEYER, WALKER, WILDER, LEHMAN, ALBERS, AINSWORTH, OWENS, DOBYNS, F. LASEE and OTT, cosponsored by Senators DRZEWIECKI and BUETTNER. Referred to Special committee on Gambling Oversight.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 562.06 (title) and (1), 562.06 (4), 562.06 (5), 563.51 (13) (intro.)
2 and (a), 565.12 (1) (f) 1., 565.17 (4) and 565.30 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:**
3 raising the legal age to gamble from 18 to 21 years of age.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person may not gain admission to a racetrack, wager on races, play any regulated bingo game, purchase a lottery ticket or receive a lottery prize payment unless that person is 18 years of age. This bill raises the legal age for these gambling activities to 21 years of age.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 562.06 (title) and (1) of the statutes are amended to read:
5 **562.06 (title) ~~Minors on racetracks; wagering prohibited~~ Age for**
6 **admission to racetracks and for wagering.** (1) **ADMISSION.** Except as provided
7 under subs. (2) and (3), no person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years may be admitted to
8 a racetrack, or a track located at a fair where there is racing, unless accompanied by
9 a parent, grandparent, greatgrandparent, guardian or spouse who is at least ~~18~~ 21
10 years of age, or unless accompanied by another person at least ~~18~~ 21 years of age with

1 the written permission of the ~~minor's~~ parent or guardian of the person who is under
2 the age of 21 years.

3 **SECTION 2.** 562.06 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 562.06 (4) PLACING A WAGER. No person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years may make
5 a wager in any race or receive any payout on a wager.

6 **SECTION 3.** 562.06 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:

7 562.06 (5) ACCEPTING A WAGER; MAKING A PAYOUT. No licensee may knowingly
8 accept a wager from any person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years or make any payout on
9 a wager to any person under the age of ~~18~~ 21 years.

10 **SECTION 4.** 563.51 (13) (intro.) and (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

11 563.51 (13) AGE LIMITATIONS. (intro.) No A person under age ~~18~~ 21 may
12 not do any of the following:

13 (a) Play any bingo game conducted by a licensed organization, unless
14 accompanied by that person's parent, guardian or spouse who is at least 21 years of
15 age.

16 **SECTION 5.** 565.12 (1) (f) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:

17 565.12 (1) (f) 1. The intentional sale of lottery tickets or lottery shares to any
18 person under the age of ~~18~~ 21.

19 **SECTION 5.** 565.17 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

20 565.17 (4) AGE. (a) A person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age may not purchase a
21 lottery ticket or lottery share or claim a prize for a winning lottery ticket or lottery
22 share from the board or a retailer. This paragraph does not prohibit a person ~~18~~ 21
23 years of age or older from giving a lottery ticket or lottery share to a person under
24 ~~18~~ 21 years of age.

1 (b) No person may sell a lottery ticket or lottery share to a person under ~~18~~ 21
2 years of age or to any other person knowing that the lottery ticket or lottery share
3 is being purchased for a person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age other than as a gift.

4 (c) No person may pay a prize for a winning lottery ticket or lottery share to any
5 person knowing that the purchaser was under ~~18~~ 21 years of age or knowing that the
6 lottery ticket or lottery share was purchased for a person under ~~18~~ 21 years of age
7 other than as a gift.

8 **SECTION 6.** 565.30 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

9 565.30 (2) (title) PAYMENT OF PRIZES TO ~~MINORS~~ PERSONS UNDER 21. If the prize
10 for a winning lottery ticket or lottery share given to a ~~minor~~ person under the age of
11 21 is less than \$1,000, the administrator may make payment of the prize by
12 delivering to an adult a member of the ~~minor's~~ person's family, or to the ~~minor's~~
13 person's guardian, a check or draft payable to the ~~minor~~ person. If the prize is \$1,000
14 or more, the administrator shall make payment to the ~~minor~~ person by paying or
15 delivering the money to a broker or financial institution under s. 880.65 (1) (b).

16 (END)