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April 26, 2013

The Honorable Pam Jochum  
President of the Senate  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

Dear President Jochum:

Senate File 204, an Act concerning persons voluntarily excluded from gambling facilities is hereby disapproved and transmitted to you in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Senate File 204 is hereby disapproved on this date.

I am unable to approve Senate File 204 for the following reasons:

Senate File 204 makes it possible for people with gambling addictions who voluntarily banned themselves from gambling to engage in gambling again after five years. The voluntary lifetime ban was instituted in 2004 so that an individual can choose to be banned from all casinos in Iowa for life. In addition, if someone who has voluntarily banned themselves from gaming has gaming winnings, these monies are forfeited to the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program. Treatment experts have found that addictions tend to be life-long, which is why the voluntary lifetime ban serves a valuable public purpose. This voluntary ban option is an important part of Iowa's laws relating to responsible gaming.

For the above reasons, I respectfully disapprove of Senate File 204, in its entirety, in accordance with Amendment IV of the Amendments of 1968 to the Constitution of the State of Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry E. Branstad".

TERRY E. BRANSTAD  
Governor



Senate File 204

AN ACT  
CONCERNING PERSONS VOLUNTARILY EXCLUDED FROM GAMBLING  
FACILITIES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 99D.7, subsection 23, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

23. To require licensees to establish a process to allow a person to be voluntarily excluded ~~for life~~ from a racetrack enclosure and all other licensed facilities under this chapter and chapter 99F as provided in this subsection. The process shall provide that an initial request by a person to be voluntarily excluded shall be for a period of five years or life and a subsequent request following the five-year period shall be for a period of five years or life. A request by a person to be voluntarily excluded following the second five-year period shall be for life. The process established shall also require that a licensee disseminate information regarding persons voluntarily excluded to all licensees under this chapter and chapter 99F. The state and any licensee under this chapter or chapter 99F shall not be liable to any person for any claim which may arise from this process. In addition

to any other penalty provided by law, any money or thing of value that has been obtained by, or is owed to, a voluntarily excluded person by a licensee as a result of wagers made by the person after the person has been voluntarily excluded shall not be paid to the person but shall be credited to the general fund of the state.

Sec. 2. Section 99F.4, subsection 22, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

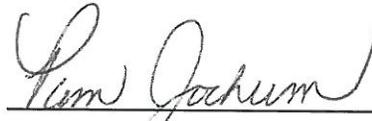
22. To require licensees to establish a process to allow a person to be voluntarily excluded ~~for life~~ from an excursion gambling boat and all other licensed facilities under this chapter and chapter 99D as provided in this subsection. The process shall provide that an initial request by a person to be voluntarily excluded shall be for a period of five years or life and a subsequent request following the five-year period shall be for a period of five years or life. A request by a person to be voluntarily excluded following the second five-year period shall be for life. The process established shall also require that a licensee disseminate information regarding persons voluntarily excluded to all licensees under this chapter and chapter 99D. The state and any licensee under this chapter or chapter 99D shall not be liable to any person for any claim which may arise from this process. In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any money or thing of value that has been obtained by, or is owed to, a voluntarily excluded person by a licensee as a result of wagers made by the person after the person has been voluntarily excluded shall not be paid to the person but shall be credited to the general fund of the state.

Sec. 3. GAMBLING SELF-EXCLUSION — REAPPLICATION.

1. A person who has been voluntarily excluded for life from a racetrack enclosure, an excursion gambling boat, and all other licensed facilities under Code chapters 99D and 99F pursuant to the process established in Code sections 99D.7 and 99F.4 prior to the effective date of this Act may reapply to the licensed facilities to revoke the exclusion, pursuant to a process established by the licensed facilities in accordance with the requirements of the racing and gaming commission. A person may reapply to revoke the voluntary exclusion only if the person has been voluntarily excluded for a period of at least five years.

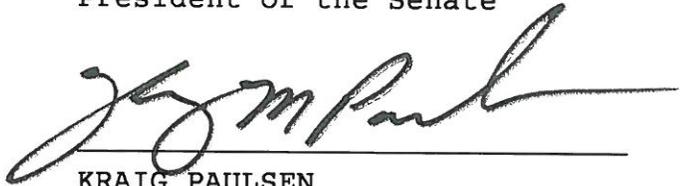
2. Following a revocation of a voluntary exclusion as provided by this section, a subsequent request to be

voluntarily excluded shall be as provided for a subsequent request pursuant to the process described in Code sections 99D.7 and 99F.4, as amended by this Act.



PAM JOCHUM

President of the Senate



KRAIG PAULSEN

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 204, Eighty-fifth General Assembly.



MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

~~Disapproved~~  
Approved April 26, 2013



TERRY E. BRANSTAD

Governor