

SB 5374 - DIGEST

(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Declares that the exclusion of certain persons from gambling premises that conduct licensed gambling activities is necessary to carry out the policies of chapter 9.46 RCW and to effectively maintain the strict regulation of gambling.

Authorizes the commission to, by rule, provide for the establishment of a list of persons who are to be excluded from licensed gambling premises. The list may include any person whose presence on the gambling premises is determined by the commission to pose a threat to the interests of this state, to licensed gambling, or both.

Requires the commission's rules to define the standards for exclusion and must include standards relating to persons:
(1) Who are career or professional offenders or involved in organized crime;

(2) Who have been convicted of a criminal violation of a gambling law of any state or of the United States, or who have been convicted of any felony including, but not limited to, theft, extortion, conspiracy to defraud, or any similar offense involving, or in connection with, any gambling activity; or

(3) Who have been excluded under similar involuntary exclusion laws or rules of any other state or nation that regulates gambling.

Provides that, race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry, gender, or other discriminatory reasons shall not be used to place any person upon the list of exclusion.

Provides that a person on the list of excluded persons who enters a gambling premises is guilty of a gross misdemeanor punishable under RCW 9A.20.021.