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CASINOS; CAMPAIGN FINANCE

House Bill 4102 Sponsor: Rep. James Koetje Committee: Gaming and Casino Oversight

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## A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4102 AS INTRODUCED 1-31-01

The bill would amend the Michigan Campaign Finance Act to prohibit a licensee or casino enterprise under the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act, or a person who had an interest in a licensee or casino enterprise, from organizing, establishing, or sponsoring a committee under the Campaign Finance Act. A person who violated the ban would be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both.

Under the bill, "casino enterprise" and "licensee" would be defined as they are in the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act, the Initiated Law of 1996. (Under the Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act, "casino enterprise" means the buildings, facilities, or rooms functionally or physically connected to a casino and include, but are not limited to, any bar, restaurant, hotel, cocktail lounge, retail establishment, or arena or any other facility located in a city under the control of a casino licensee or affiliated company. "Licensee" is defined as a person who holds either a casino license or a supplier's license. A supplier's license allows a person to sell or lease, and to contract to sell or lease, equipment and supplies to any licensee involved in the ownership or management of gambling operations. A person is considered to have an interest in a licensee or casino enterprise if any of the following circumstances exist:

- \* The person holds at least a one percent interest in the licensee or casino enterprise.
- \* The person is an officer or a managerial employee of the licensee or casino enterprise.
- \* The person is an officer of the "person" (i.e., entity) who holds at least a one percent interest in the licensee or casino enterprise.
  - \* The person is an independent committee of the licensee or casino enterprise.)

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