

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 967

To prohibit the advertising of sportsbooks on any medium of electronic communication subject to the jurisdiction of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Mr. TONKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Betting on Our Future
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON ADVERTISING OF SPORTSBOOKS**
2 **ON CERTAIN MEDIA OF ELECTRONIC COMMU-**
3 **NICATION.**

4 (a) PROHIBITION.—It shall be unlawful to advertise
5 a sportsbook on any medium of electronic communication
6 subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

7 (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT.—The
8 Commission shall implement and enforce this section as
9 if this section is a part of the Communications Act of 1934
10 (47 U.S.C. 151 et seq.). A violation of this section, or a
11 regulation promulgated under this section, shall be consid-
12 ered to be a violation of the Communications Act of 1934,
13 or a regulation promulgated under such Act, respectively.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) COMMISSION.—The term “Commission”
16 means the Federal Communications Commission.

17 (2) SPORTING EVENT.—The term “sporting
18 event” includes a fantasy or simulation sports game
19 or contest.

20 (3) SPORTS BET OR WAGER.—The term “sports
21 bet or wager”—

22 (A) means the staking or risking by any
23 person of something of value upon the outcome
24 of a sporting event, upon an agreement or un-
25 derstanding that the person or another person

1 will receive something of value in the event of
2 a certain outcome;

3 (B) includes any scheme of a type de-
4 scribed in section 3702 of title 28, United
5 States Code; and

6 (C) does not include participation in any
7 game or contest in which participants do not
8 stake or risk anything of value other than—

9 (i) personal efforts of the participants
10 in playing the game or contest or obtaining
11 access to the internet; or

12 (ii) points or credits that the sponsor
13 of the game or contest provides to partici-
14 pants free of charge and that can be used
15 or redeemed only for participation in
16 games or contests offered by the sponsor.

17 (4) SPORTSBOOK.—The term “sportsbook”
18 means a person who is engaged in the business of—

19 (A) taking sports bets or wagers; and

20 (B) paying out winnings.

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