Date of Hearing: April 22, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
Buffy Wicks, Chair
AB 2644 (Blanca Rubio) – As Introduced February 20, 2026

Policy Committee: Governmental Organization Vote: 22 - 0

Urgency: No State Mandated Local Program: No Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the Governor to notify the Legislature when the Governor removes a member of the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC) for cause.

FISCAL EFFECT:

Negligible costs to the Governor and CGCC.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

> The bill aims to ensure the prompt enforcement of gambling laws by addressing vacancies and enabling the CGCC to operate efficiently. When seats are unfilled, even a single absence or recusal can hinder decision-making, leaving the industry without effective oversight and causing delays.

2) **CGCC.** The CGCC provides for the licensure and regulation of various legalized gambling activities and establishments. The CGCC consists of five members appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate. Existing law allows the Governor to remove a CGCC member for incompetence, neglect of duty, or corruption. This bill requires the Governor to notify the Legislature about a removal of a CGCC member under such conditions.

3) **Related Legislation.** AB 817 (Nguyen) is nearly identical to this bill. AB 817 is pending hearing by the Senate Governmental Organization Committee.

   SB 1235 (Committee on Governmental Organization) is nearly identical to this bill. SB 1235 is pending on the Senate Floor's consent calendar.

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