

SENATE THIRD READING

SB 864 (Committee on Governmental Organization)

As Introduced March 20, 2025

Majority vote

SUMMARY

This bill requires the California Gambling Control Commission (CGCC or Commission) to post a public record of every vote on its Internet Web site no later than two business days after the meeting at which the vote was taken.

Major Provisions

States the CGCC shall post a public record of every vote on its Internet Web site no later than two business days after the meeting at which the vote was taken.

COMMENTS*Background.*

The Act provides the CGCC with jurisdiction over the operation of gambling establishments in California. The Act requires every owner, lessee, or employee of a gambling establishment to obtain and maintain a valid state gambling license. The Act assigns the CGCC the responsibility of assuring that gambling licenses are not issued to, or held by, unqualified or disqualified persons, or by persons whose operations are conducted in a manner that is harmful to the public health, safety, or welfare.

The Act directs the Commission to issue licenses only to those persons of good character, honesty and integrity, whose prior activities, criminal record, if any; reputation, habits and associations do not pose a threat to the public interest of this state. The Department of Justice (DOJ) conducts background and field investigations and enforces the provisions of the Act in this regard.

The Act currently requires the CGCC to maintain a public record at the Commission's principal office. However, there is no requirement that the vote be placed anywhere on the CGCC's internet website.

This bill requires the CGCC to post any vote taken by the Commission on its Internet Web site no later than the close of business of the second business day after the meeting at which the vote was taken.

According to the Author

According to the author's office, "While current law requires the CGCC to keep records of votes that are taken during proceedings of the Commission, there is no requirement that those votes be posted anywhere on the Internet. As such, members of the public have a difficult time staying informed on votes taken by the CGCC. SB 864 simply provides transparency for members of the public who want to be informed on the Commission's proceedings."

Arguments in Support

None on file

Arguments in Opposition

None on file

FISCAL COMMENTS

According to the Assembly Appropriations Committee analysis, "Minor and absorbable costs to the CGCC."

VOTES**SENATE FLOOR: 36-0-4**

YES: Allen, Alvarado-Gil, Archuleta, Arreguín, Ashby, Becker, Blakespear, Cabaldon, Caballero, Cervantes, Choi, Cortese, Dahle, Durazo, Gonzalez, Grayson, Grove, Jones, Laird, Limón, McGuire, McNerney, Menjivar, Niello, Ochoa Bogh, Padilla, Pérez, Richardson, Seyarto, Smallwood-Cuevas, Stern, Strickland, Umberg, Wahab, Weber Pierson, Wiener

ABS, ABST OR NV: Hurtado, Reyes, Rubio, Valladares

ASM GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION: 22-0-0

YES: Blanca Rubio, Davies, Alvarez, Berman, Bryan, Carrillo, Alanis, Fong, Gabriel, Gipson, Hoover, McKinnor, Nguyen, Pacheco, Ramos, Michelle Rodriguez, Sanchez, Solache, Soria, Ta, Valencia, Wallis

ASM APPROPRIATIONS: 14-0-1

YES: Wicks, Sanchez, Arambula, Calderon, Nguyen, Dixon, Elhawary, Aguiar-Curry, Hart, Pacheco, Pellerin, Solache, Ta, Tangipa

ABS, ABST OR NV: Mark González

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