### FIRST REGULAR SESSION SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR

# **HOUSE BILL NO. 637**

#### **100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Reported from the Committee on Progress and Development, May 9, 2019, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass. ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

## AN ACT

To repeal sections 313.905, 313.915, 313.920, 313.925, 313.935, 313.945, 313.950, and 313.955, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof ten new sections relating to fantasy sports contests, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 313.905, 313.915, 313.920, 313.925, 313.935, 313.945,

313.950, and 313.955, RSMo, are repealed and ten new sections enacted in lieu 2

thereof, to be known as sections 313.905, 313.915, 313.917, 313.920, 313.925, 3

313.935, 313.945, 313.950, 313.955, and 621.047 to read as follows: 4

313.905. As used in sections 313.900 to 313.955, the following terms shall  $\mathbf{2}$ mean:

3 (1) "Authorized internet website", an internet website or any platform operated by a licensed operator; 4

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(2) "Commission", the Missouri gaming commission;

6 (3) "Entry fee", anything of value including, but not limited to, cash or a 7 cash equivalent that a fantasy sports contest operator collects in order to 8 participate in a fantasy sports contest;

9 (4) "Fantasy sports contest", any fantasy or simulated game or contest 10 with an entry fee[, conducted on an internet website or any platform,] in which:

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(a) The value of all prizes and awards offered to the winning participants 12is established and made known in advance of the contest;

13 (b) All winning outcomes reflect in part the relative knowledge and skill of the participants and are determined predominantly by the accumulated 14 statistical results of the performance of individuals, including athletes in the case 15

16 of sports events; and

(c) No winnings outcomes are based on the score, point spread, or any
performance of any single actual team or combination of teams or solely on any
single performance of an individual athlete or player in any single actual event;
(5) "Fantasy sports contest operator", any person [or], entity, or division
of a corporate entity that offers [fantasy sports contests for a prize] a
platform for the playing of fantasy contests, administers one or more
fantasy contests with an entry fee, and awards a prize of value;

24 (6) "Highly experienced player", a person who has either:

(a) Entered more than one thousand contests offered by a single fantasy
sports contest operator; or

(b) Won more than three fantasy sports prizes of one thousand dollars ormore;

(7) "Licensed operator", a fantasy sports contest operator licensed
pursuant to section 313.910 to offer fantasy sports contests for play on an
authorized internet website in Missouri;

32 (8) "Location", the geographical position of a person as
33 determined within a degree of accuracy consistent with generally
34 available internet protocol address locators;

(9) "Location percentage", for all fantasy sports contests, the percentage, rounded to the nearest one-tenth of one percent, of the total entry fees collected from registered players located in the state of Missouri at the time of entry into a fantasy contest, divided by the total entry fees collected from all players, regardless of the players' location, of the fantasy sports contests;

41 (10) "Minor", any person less than eighteen years of age;

[(9)] (11) "Net revenue", for all fantasy sports contests, the amount equal
to the total entry fees collected from all participants entering such fantasy sports
contests less winnings paid to participants in the contests, multiplied by the
[resident] location percentage;

46 [(10)] (12) "Player", a person who participates in a fantasy sports contest 47 offered by a fantasy sports contest operator;

48 [(11)] (13) "Prize", anything of value including, but not limited to, cash 49 or a cash equivalent, contest credits, merchandise, or admission to another 50 contest in which a prize may be awarded;

51 [(12)] (14) "Registered player", a person registered pursuant to section

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52 313.920 to participate in a fantasy sports contest [on an authorized internet 53 website];

[(13) "Resident percentage", for all fantasy sports contests, the percentage, rounded to nearest one-tenth of one percent, of the total entry fees collected from Missouri residents divided by the total entry fees collected from all players, regardless of the players' location, of the fantasy sports contests; and

58 (14)] (15) "Script", a list of commands that a fantasy-sports-related 59 computer program can execute to automate processes on a fantasy sports contest 60 platform.

313.915. 1. In order to ensure the protection of registered players, an
authorized internet website shall identify the person or entity that is the licensed
operator.

4 2. A licensed operator shall ensure that fantasy sports contests on its 5 authorized internet website comply with all of the following:

6 (1) All winning outcomes are determined by accumulated statistical 7 results of fully completed contests or events, and not merely any portion thereof, 8 except that fantasy participants may be credited for statistical results 9 accumulated in a suspended or shortened contest or event which has been called 10 on account of weather or other natural or unforeseen event;

(2) [A licensed operator shall not allow] Registered players [to] shall not
select athletes through an autodraft that does not involve any input or control by
a registered player, or to choose preselected teams of athletes;

(3) [A licensed operator shall not offer or award] A prize shall not be
offered to or awarded to the winner of, or athletes in, the underlying
competition itself; and

17 (4) [A licensed operator shall not offer] Fantasy sports contests shall not
18 be based on the performances of participants in [collegiate,] high school[,] or
19 youth athletics.

3. A licensed operator shall have procedures approved by the commissionbefore operating in Missouri that:

(1) [Prevents] Prevent unauthorized withdrawals from a registered
player's account by the licensed operator or others;

(2) [Makes] Make clear that funds in a registered player's account are not
the property of the licensed operator and are not available to the licensed
operator's creditors;

27 (3) Segregate player funds from operational funds as provided under

28 subsections 4 and 5 of this section;

(4) [Maintain a reserve in the form of cash or cash equivalents in the
amount of the deposits made to the accounts of fantasy sports contest players for
the benefit and protection of the funds held in such accounts;

32 (5) Ensures] Ensure any prize won by a registered player from 33 participating in a fantasy sports contest is deposited into the registered player's 34 account within forty-eight hours or mailed within five business days of 35 winning the prize except as provided under section 313.917;

36 [(6)] (5) [Ensures] Ensure registered players can withdraw the funds maintained in their individual accounts, whether such accounts are open or 37 38closed, within five business days of the request being made, unless the licensed 39 operator believes in good faith that the registered player engaged in either 40 fraudulent conduct or other conduct that would put the licensed operator in violation of sections 313.900 to 313.955, in which case the licensed operator may 41 42decline to honor the request for withdrawal for a reasonable investigatory period until its investigation is resolved if it provides notice of the nature of the 43 44 investigation to the registered player. For the purposes of this provision, a request for withdrawal will be considered honored if it is processed by the 45licensed operator but delayed by a payment processor, credit card issuer or by the 46 custodian of a financial account; 47

48 [(7)] (6) [Allows] Allow a registered player to permanently close their 49 account at any time for any reason; and

50 [(8)] (7) [Offers] Offer registered players access to their play history and 51 account details.

52 4. A properly constituted special purpose entity shall be 53 approved by the commission as a sufficient means of segregating player 54 funds from operational funds. A properly constituted special purpose 55 entity shall:

56 (1) Have a governing board that includes one or more corporate 57 directors who are independent of the fantasy sports contest operator 58 and of any corporation controlled by the fantasy sports contest 59 operator;

60 (2) Hold, at a minimum, the sum of all authorized player funds
61 held in player accounts for use in fantasy sports contests;

62 (3) Reasonably protect the funds against claims of the operator's
63 creditors other than the authorized players for whose benefit and

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64 protection the special purpose entity is established;

(4) Distribute funds only for the following purposes:

(a) For player account balance withdrawals or partial balance
withdrawals made upon the specific request of the player;

68 (b) For income earned on the account, and owed to the fantasy 69 sports operator, calculated as the remainder of all entry fees paid by 70 users for fantasy sports contests minus all user winnings and cash 71 bonuses paid or owed to users, payable to the fantasy sports contest 72 operator;

(c) To the Missouri gaming commission in the event that the fantasy sports operator's license expires, is surrendered, or is otherwise revoked. The Missouri gaming commission may interplead the funds in the Cole County circuit court for distribution to the authorized players for whose protection and benefit the account was established and to other such persons as the court determines are entitled thereto, or shall take such other steps as necessary to effect the proper distribution of the funds, or may do both; or

81 (d) As authorized in writing in advance by any agreement
82 approved by the Missouri gaming commission;

83 (5) Require a unanimous vote of all corporate directors to file
84 bankruptcy;

(6) Obtain permission from the Missouri gaming commission
prior to filing bankruptcy or entering into receivership;

(7) Have corporate governance requirements which prohibit
commingling of funds with that of the fantasy sports contest operator
except as necessary to reconcile the accounts of players with sums
owed by those players to the fantasy sports contest operator;

91 (8) Be restricted from incurring debt other than to fantasy sports
92 players under the rules that govern their accounts for contests;

93 (9) Be restricted from taking on obligations of the fantasy sports
94 contest operator other than obligations to players under the rules that
95 govern their accounts for contests; and

96 (10) Be prohibited from dissolving, merging, or consolidating
97 with another company without the written approval of the Missouri
98 gaming commission while there are unsatisfied obligations to fantasy
99 sports contest players.

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5. The commission, at its discretion, may approve other

## 101 commercially reasonable approaches to segregation of funds so long as 102 they adequately protect Missouri player accounts.

6. A licensed operator shall establish procedures for a registered player
to report complaints to the licensed operator regarding whether his or her account
has been misallocated, compromised, or otherwise mishandled, and a procedure
for the licensed operator to respond to those complaints.

107 [5.] 7. A registered player who believes his or her account has been 108 misallocated, compromised, or otherwise mishandled should notify the 109 commission. Upon notification, the commission may investigate the claim and 110 may take any action the commission deems appropriate under subdivision (4) of 111 section 313.950.

112 [6.] 8. A licensed operator shall not issue credit to a registered player.

[7.] 9. A licensed operator shall not allow a registered player to establishmore than one account or user name on its authorized internet website.

313.917. 1. If a licensed operator believes in good faith that a  $\mathbf{2}$ registered player engaged in either fraudulent conduct or other conduct that would put the licensed operator in violation of sections 3 313.900 to 313.955, the licensed operator may delay payment of any 4 prize won by such player for up to fifteen days while the licensed  $\mathbf{5}$ 6 operator investigates to determine if any such conduct occurred; provided that, the licensed operator provides notice of the nature of 7 8 the investigation to the registered player. If the licensed operator finds that the registered player has engaged in either fraudulent conduct or 9 other conduct that would put the licensed operator in violation of 10 sections 313.900 to 313.955, the licensed operator may refuse to pay out 11 the prize to the registered player if the licensed operator informs the 12registered player in writing of the reason for nullification of the prize, 13that the player has the right to request an investigation by the 14 commission within thirty days, and of the contact information for the 15commission. 16

The commission shall establish a process to investigate any
 case referred to it under subsection 1 of this section and issue
 determinations on a case-by-case basis. The commission shall notify the
 licensed operator and the registered player of its determination and
 either party may, within thirty days, appeal such determination to the
 administrative hearing commission as provided under section 621.047.
 If a licensed operator delays or withholds payment of a prize

under the provisions of this section, such licensed operator shall pay any prizes won by other registered players in the contest as though the contested payment will be awarded to the registered player under investigation. If, after final determination, the contested payment is not awarded, all other winning registered players in the contest shall have their prizes adjusted accordingly.

313.920. 1. A person shall register with a licensed operator prior to 2 participating in fantasy sports contests on an authorized internet website.

2. A licensed operator shall implement appropriate security standards to
prevent access to fantasy sports contests by a person whose location and age have
not been verified in accordance with this section.

6 3. A licensed operator shall ensure that all individuals register before 7 participating in a fantasy sports contest on an authorized internet website and 8 provide their age and state of residence.

9 4. A licensed operator shall ensure that an individual is of legal age before
10 participating in a fantasy sports contest [on an authorized internet website]. In
11 Missouri, the legal age to participate shall be eighteen years of age.

12 5. (1) The licensed operator shall develop an online self-exclusion form 13 and a process to exclude from play any person who has filled out the form.

(2) A licensed operator shall retain each online self-exclusion form
submitted to it in order to identify persons who want to be excluded from play.
A licensed operator shall exclude those persons.

17 (3) A licensed operator shall provide a link on its authorized internet
18 website to a compulsive behavior website and the online self-exclusion form
19 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection.

6. A licensed operator shall not advertise fantasy sports contests in publications or other media that are aimed exclusively or primarily at persons less than eighteen years of age. A licensed operator's advertisement shall not depict persons under eighteen years of age, students, or settings involving a school or college. However, incidental depiction of nonfeatured minors shall not be a violation of this subsection.

7. A licensed operator shall not advertise fantasy sports contests to an individual by phone, email, or any other form of individually targeted advertisement or marketing material if the individual has self-excluded himself or herself pursuant to this section or if the individual is otherwise barred from participating in fantasy sports contests. A licensed operator shall also take reasonable steps to ensure that individuals on the involuntary exclusion list or
disassociated persons list maintained by the commission are not subject to any
form of individually targeted advertising or marketing.

34 8. A licensed operator shall not misrepresent the frequency or extent of35 winning in any fantasy sports contest advertisement.

9. A licensed operator shall clearly and conspicuously publish and facilitate parental control procedures to allow parents or guardians to exclude minors from access to any fantasy sports contest. Licensed operators shall take commercially reasonable steps to confirm that an individual opening an account is not a minor.

41 10. Licensed operators shall prohibit the use of scripts in fantasy sports42 contests that give players an unfair advantage over other players.

43 11. Licensed operators shall monitor fantasy sports contests to detect the
44 use of unauthorized scripts and restrict players found to have used such scripts
45 from further fantasy sports contests.

46 12. Licensed operators shall make all authorized scripts readily available 47 to all fantasy sports players; provided, that a licensed operator shall clearly and 48 conspicuously publish its rules on what types of scripts may be authorized in the 49 fantasy sports contest.

50 13. Licensed operators shall clearly and conspicuously identify highly 51 experienced players in fantasy sports contests by a symbol attached to a player's 52 username, or by other easily visible means, on the licensed operator's authorized 53 internet website.

54 14. Licensed operators shall offer some fantasy sports contests open only 55 to beginner players and that exclude highly experienced players.

313.925. 1. This section applies to all of the following persons:

- 2 (1) An officer of a licensed operator;
- 3 (2) A director of a licensed operator;
- 4 (3) A principal of a licensed operator;
- 5 (4) An employee of a licensed operator; and

6 (5) A contractor of a licensed operator with proprietary or nonpublic 7 information.

8 2. A person listed in subsection 1 of this section shall not play in any 9 fantasy sports contest [outside of private fantasy sports contests offered by the 10 licensed operator exclusively for those listed] offered by any fantasy sports 11 contest operator that is open to the public.

3. A person listed in subsection 1 of this section shall not disclose
proprietary or nonpublic information that may affect the play of fantasy sports
contests to any individual authorized to play fantasy sports contests.

4. A licensed operator shall make the prohibitions in this section knownto all affected individuals and corporate entities.

313.935. 1. No fantasy sports contest operator shall offer any fantasy sports contest in Missouri without first being licensed by the commission. A fantasy sports contest operator wishing to offer fantasy sports contests in this state shall [annually] apply to the commission for a license and shall remit to the commission an [annual] application fee of ten thousand dollars or ten percent of the applicant's net revenue from the previous calendar year, whichever is lower.

7 2. As part of the commission's investigation and licensing process, the 8 commission may conduct an investigation of the fantasy sports contest operator's 9 employees, officers, directors, trustees, and principal salaried executive staff 10 officers. The applicant shall be responsible for the [total] cost of the investigation up to ten thousand dollars. If the cost of the investigation exceeds the 11 12application fee, the applicant shall remit **such cost** to the commission [the total cost of the investigation] prior to any license being issued. [The total cost of the 13 investigation, paid by the applicant, shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars.] An 14 applicant may apply for, and the commission may grant, based on a 1516 showing of undue burden, a waiver of all or a portion of the cost of the investigation. All revenue received under this section shall be placed into the 1718 gaming commission fund created under section 313.835. The investigation set 19 forth in this paragraph does not apply to a renewal of a license.

203. (1) A fantasy sports contest operator with net revenues of two 21million dollars or more from the previous calendar year shall be 22required to submit an annual license renewal fee of five thousand dollars by November first of each subsequent calendar year. A fantasy 23sports contest operator with net revenues of less than two million 24dollars but greater than one million dollars from the previous calendar 25year shall be required to submit an annual license renewal fee of two 26thousand five hundred dollars by November first of each subsequent 27calendar year. A fantasy sports contest operator with net revenues 2829 equal to or less than one million dollars but greater than two hundred 30 fifty thousand dollars shall submit an annual license renewal fee of one thousand dollars by November first of each subsequent calendar year. 31

32A fantasy sports contest operator with net revenues of two hundred 33 fifty thousand dollars or less from the previous calendar year shall not be required to submit an annual license renewal fee. On the 34anniversary date of the payment made under subsection 1, a licensed 35operator shall submit to the commission a notice of license renewal 36 describing any material changes to the operator's compliance with the 37 consumer protections set forth in sections 313.915, 313.920, and 313.925 3839 together with the license renewal fee required under this subsection. 40 A license is renewed upon submission of the notice and payment of the

41 appropriate renewal fee.

42(2) In addition to the [application] license renewal fee, a licensed 43operator shall also pay an annual operation fee[, on April fifteenth of each year,] in a sum equal to [eleven and one-half] eight and seventy-five hundredths 44 percent of the licensed operator's net revenue from the previous calendar year. 4546 All revenue collected under this subsection shall be placed in the gaming proceeds for education fund created under section 313.822. If a licensed operator fails to 4748 apply for a license renewal or pay the annual operation fee [by April 49 fifteenth, the licensed operator shall have its license immediately suspended by], the commission may suspend the license of such licensed operator until 50such payment is made. 51

524. Any fantasy sports contest operator already operating in the state prior 53to April 1, 2016, may operate until they have received or have been denied a license. Such fantasy sports contest operators shall apply for a license prior to 5455October 1, 2016. Any fantasy sports contest operator operating under this 56subsection after August 28, 2016, shall pay the annual operation fee of eleven and 57one-half percent of its net revenue from August 28, 2016, until action is taken on 58its application. If a licensed fantasy sports contest operator fails to pay its 59annual operation fee by [April 15, 2017] November 1, 2019, the commission 60 may suspend the license or deny the pending license application of such fantasy sports contest operator [shall have its license immediately 61 62 suspended by the commission, or if the fantasy sports contest operator has a pending application, its application shall be denied immediately]. 63

5. If a **licensed** fantasy sports contest operator ceases to offer fantasy sports contests in Missouri, the operator shall pay an operation fee equal to [eleven and one-half] **eight and seventy-five hundredths** percent of its net revenue for the period of the calendar year in which it offered fantasy sports

68 contests in Missouri by November first of the subsequent calendar 69 year. [Such payment shall be made within sixty days of the last day the fantasy 70 sports contest operator offered fantasy sports contests in Missouri. After the 71 expiration of sixty days, a penalty of five hundred dollars per day shall be 72 assessed against the fantasy sports contest operator until the operation fee and 73 any penalty is paid in full.]

313.945. 1. Notwithstanding any applicable statutory provision to the contrary, all investigatory, proprietary, or application records, information, and summaries in the possession of the commission or its agents [may] shall be treated by the commission as closed records not to be disclosed to the public; except that the commission shall, on written request from any person, provide such person with the following information furnished by an applicant or licensee: (1) The name, business address, and business telephone number of any

8 applicant or licensee;

9 (2) An identification of any applicant or licensee, including, if an applicant 10 or licensee is not an individual, the state of incorporation or registration, the 11 corporate officers, and the identity of all shareholders or participants. If an 12 applicant or licensee has a pending registration statement filed with the federal 13 Securities and Exchange [Division] **Commission**, the names of those persons or 14 entities holding interest shall be provided;

15(3) An identification of any business, including, if applicable, the state of incorporation or registration in which an applicant or licensee or an applicant's 1617or licensee's spouse or children have an equity interest. If an applicant or licensee is a corporation, partnership, or other business entity, the applicant or 18 19 licensee shall identify any other corporation, partnership, or business entity in which it has an equity interest, including, if applicable, the state of incorporation 20or registration. This information need not be provided by a corporation, 2122partnership, or other business entity that has a pending registration statement filed with the federal Securities and Exchange [Division] Commission; 23

(4) Whether an applicant or licensee has been indicted, convicted, pleaded
guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeited bail concerning any criminal offense under
the laws of any jurisdiction, either felony or misdemeanor, except for traffic
violations, including the date, the name and location of the court, arresting
agency and prosecuting agency, the case number, the offense, the disposition, and
the location and length of incarceration;

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(5) Whether an applicant or licensee has had any license or certificate

31 issued by a licensing authority in this state or any jurisdiction denied, restricted, 32 suspended, revoked, or not renewed and a statement describing the facts and 33 circumstances concerning the denial, restriction, suspension, revocation, or 34 nonrenewal, including the licensing authority, the date each such action was 35 taken, and the reason for each such action;

(6) Whether an applicant or licensee has ever filed or had filed against it
a proceeding in bankruptcy or has ever been involved in any formal process to
adjust, defer, suspend, or otherwise work out the payment of any debt, including
the date of filing, the name and location of the court, and the case and number
of the disposition;

(7) Whether an applicant or licensee has filed or been served with a complaint or other notice filed with any public body regarding the delinquency in the payment of, or a dispute over, the filings concerning the payment of any tax required under federal, state, or local law, including the amount, type of tax, the taxing agency, and time periods involved;

46 (8) A statement listing the names and titles of all public officials or 47 officers of any unit of government, and relatives of such public officials or officers 48 who, directly or indirectly, own any financial interest in, have any beneficial 49 interest in, are the creditors of or hold any debt instrument issued by, or hold or 50 have any interest in any contractual or service relationship with, an applicant or 51 licensee;

52 (9) The name and business telephone number of the attorney representing53 an applicant or licensee in matters before the commission.

54 2. Notwithstanding any applicable statutory provision to the contrary, the 55 commission shall, on written request from any person, also provide the following 56 information:

57 (1) The amount of the tax receipts paid to the state by the holder of a 58 license;

(2) Whenever the commission finds an applicant for a license unsuitable
for licensing, a copy of the written letter outlining the reasons for the denial; and
(3) Whenever the commission has refused to grant leave for an applicant
to withdraw his application, a copy of the letter outlining the reasons for the
refusal.

313.950. The commission [shall have full jurisdiction over and] shall 2 supervise all licensed operators, other licensees, and authorized internet websites 3 governed by sections 313.900 to 313.955. The commission shall have the

4 following powers to implement sections 313.900 to 313.955:

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(1) To investigate applicants;

6 (2) To license fantasy sports contest operators and adopt standards for 7 licensing;

8 (3) To investigate alleged violations of sections 313.900 to 313.955 or the 9 commission's rules, orders, or final decisions;

10 (4) To assess an appropriate administrative penalty of not more than [ten] 11 **one** thousand dollars per violation, not to exceed [one hundred] **ten** thousand 12 dollars for violations arising out of the same transaction or occurrence, and take 13 action including, but not limited to, the suspension or revocation of a license for 14 violations of sections 313.900 to 313.955 or the commission's rules, orders, or final 15 decisions;

16 (5) To issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas 17 duces tecum for the production of books, records, and other pertinent documents, 18 and to administer oaths and affirmations to the witnesses, when, in the judgment 19 of the commission, it is necessary to enforce sections 313.900 to 313.955 or the 20 commission rules;

(6) To take any other action as may be reasonable or appropriate toenforce sections 313.900 to 313.955 and the commission rules.

313.955. 1. The commission shall have power to adopt and enforce rules2 and regulations:

3 (1) [To regulate and license the management, operation, and conduct of
4 fantasy sports contests and participants therein;

5 (2)] To adopt responsible play protections for registered players; and

6 [(3)] (2) To properly administer and enforce the provisions of sections 7 313.900 to 313.955.

8 2. The commission shall not adopt rules or regulations limiting or 9 regulating the rules or administration of an individual fantasy sports contest, the 10 statistical makeup of a fantasy sports contest, or the digital platform of a fantasy 11 sports contest operator.

3. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated under the authority of sections
313.900 to 313.955 shall become effective unless it has been promulgated
pursuant to the provisions of section 536.024.

621.047. 1. Except as otherwise provided by law, any person or 2 entity shall have the right to appeal to the administrative hearing 3 commission from any finding, decision, or determination made by the

4 Missouri gaming commission under section 313.917. Any person or 5 entity who is a party to such a dispute shall be entitled to a hearing 6 before the administrative hearing commission by the filing of a petition 7 with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days after 8 the decision of the Missouri gaming commission is placed in the United 9 States mail or within thirty days after the decision is delivered, 10 whichever is earlier. The decision of the Missouri gaming commission 11 shall contain a notice of the right of appeal in substantially the 12 following language:

13 "If you were adversely affected by this decision, you may appeal to the administrative hearing commission. To 14 appeal, you must file a petition with the administrative 15hearing commission within thirty days after the date this 16 decision was mailed or the date it was delivered, 17whichever date was earlier. If any such petition is sent by 18 registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on 19 the date it is mailed; if it is sent by any method other than 20 21registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the commission." 22

23 2. The procedures applicable to the processing of such hearings 24 and determinations shall be those established by chapter 25 536. Decisions of the administrative hearing commission under this 26 section shall be binding, subject to appeal by either party.

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