

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2007

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007—08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 723

Introduced by Assembly Member DeVore

February 22, 2007

~~An act relating to environmental quality. An act to add Section 19925 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to gambling.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 723, as amended, DeVore. ~~California Environmental Quality Act.~~ *Gambling establishments: signs.*

The Gambling Control Act provides for the licensure of certain individuals and establishments involved in various gambling activities, and for the regulation of those activities, by the California Gambling Control Commission. Existing law imposes certain requirements on owners of gambling enterprises relating to the conditions of operation of gambling establishments.

Existing law establishes the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs for specified purposes relating to the prevention of problem gambling.

This bill would require each owner of a gambling enterprise who is licensed by the commission to ensure that signs are posted in conspicuous locations on the gambling premises indicating the toll-free telephone number for immediate crisis management maintained by the Office of Problem and Pathological Gambling.

~~The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires a lead agency to prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify the completion of, an environmental impact report on a project, as defined, that it proposes to carry out or approve that may have a significant effect on~~

the environment, as defined, or to adopt a negative declaration if it finds that the project will not have that effect. CEQA also generally requires a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration for a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if revisions in the project would avoid or mitigate that effect and there is no substantial evidence that the project, as revised, would have a significant effect on the environment. CEQA provides some exemptions from its requirements for specified projects.

This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to declare a “CEQA Holiday” exemption for a period of 5 years for the construction of agricultural employee housing, affordable housing, and urban infill housing projects.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 19925 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:
- 3 19925. Each owner licensee shall ensure that signs are posted
- 4 in conspicuous locations on the gambling premises indicating the
- 5 toll-free telephone number for immediate crisis management
- 6 maintained pursuant to Section 4369.2 of the Welfare and
- 7 Institutions Code by the Office of Problem and Pathological
- 8 Gambling within the State Department of Alcohol and Drug
- 9 Programs.
- 10 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
- 11 legislation declaring a “CEQA Holiday” exemption from the
- 12 California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing
- 13 with Section 21000)), for a period of five years, for the construction
- 14 of agricultural employee housing, affordable housing, and urban
- 15 infill housing projects.