



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

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July 13, 2023

**RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE
KENTUCKY SPORTS WAGERING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

On March 31, 2023, I signed into law House Bill 551 to legalize sports wagering in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Sports wagering will add to Kentucky's record-breaking economic momentum, offer jobs for Kentuckians, boost tourism and ensure money stays within our borders. Sports wagering will generate an estimated revenue increase of \$23 million per year that will be dedicated to the Kentucky permanent pension fund and partly to the problem gaming assistance account. This new revenue will not only help Kentucky communities, it will also provide Kentuckians with an additional avenue for entertainment.

Effective June 29, 2023, House Bill 551 requires the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to create a system of sports wagering by administrative regulations and to administer sports wagering in Kentucky. On July 10, 2023, I signed emergency administrative regulations that the Commission approved to govern sports wagering. It is beneficial to the citizens of the Commonwealth that an advisory group be in place to assist the Commission in carrying out the requirements of House Bill 551, and to advise me and future Governors, the Commission and the Public Protection Cabinet on sports wagering and improving its integrity and operations in Kentucky.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 69, 78 and 81 of the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS 12.029, do hereby Declare, Order and Direct the following:

- I. The Kentucky Sports Wagering Advisory Council ("Council") is hereby created, and its duties shall include providing advice and insight to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission on sports wagering, as well as to the Office of the Governor and Public Protection Cabinet.



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- II. The Council shall consist of the following members:
1. The Secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet, or his or her designee;
 2. Three (3) members of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission who shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be designated to serve as the chairperson of the Council;
 3. A current employee of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission; and
 4. Two (2) at-large members who shall be appointed by the Governor.
- III. The Council shall meet at the call of the council's chairperson, a majority of the Council, or at the request of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.
- III. The Council shall advise the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission on matters that include, but are not limited to:
1. Drafting administrative regulations to implement and operate a system of sports wagering;
 2. Proposing an initial operating budget and subsequent operating budgets that include the expenditure of money deposited in the sports wagering administration fund;
 3. Recommending agreements with other jurisdictions that may be beneficial for the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to facilitate, administer and regulate multi-jurisdictional sports wagering that is compatible with Kentucky law; and
 4. Perform all other tasks the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission may delegate to the Council.

This Order is effective July 13, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Beshear".

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State