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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

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By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

A bill for an act

relating to gambling; proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize gambling other than parimutuel betting at a licensed racetrack; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article X, section 8.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

An amendment to the Minnesota Constitution is proposed to the people. If the amendment is adopted, article X, section 8, will read:

Sec. 8. (a) The legislature may authorize on-track parimutuel betting on horse racing in a manner prescribed by law.

(b) The legislature may authorize an entity licensed to conduct parimutuel betting to conduct other forms of gambling at a licensed horse racing facility and shall impose a tax on gross gambling revenue in a manner prescribed by law. Revenue generated by the tax imposed under this paragraph is dedicated to finance the construction of a stadium facility for the Minnesota Vikings with any remainder to the general fund; and is then dedicated to the general fund upon completion of the stadium. The legislature shall not expand the forms of gambling currently authorized to be conducted within the state.

Sec. 2. SUBMISSION TO VOTERS.

The proposed amendment must be submitted to the people at the 2010 general election. The question submitted must be:

"Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to permit other forms of gambling to be authorized at a racetrack that conducts parimutuel betting and to dedicate revenue

2.1 generated by a tax on that gambling to finance the construction of a football stadium for
2.2 the Minnesota Vikings with any remainder to the general fund?"

2.3 Yes

2.4 No"