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HOUSE BILL 1171

Short Title: Prohibit Gambling in Prediction Markets. (Public)

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

May 4, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROHIBIT GAMBLING IN PREDICTION MARKETS.
3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.(a)** G.S. 14-292 reads as rewritten:

5 "**§ 14-292. Gambling.**

6 (a) Except as provided in Chapter 18C of the General Statutes or ~~in~~ Part 2 or Part 4 of
7 this Article, ~~any a person or organization~~ that operates any game of chance or ~~any a person who~~
8 that plays at or bets on any game of chance at which any money, ~~property~~ property, or other thing
9 of value is bet, whether ~~the same be~~ in stake or not, ~~shall be~~ is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.
10 This section ~~shall~~ does not apply to a person ~~who~~ that plays at or bets on ~~any a~~ lottery game being
11 lawfully conducted in any state.

12 (b) This section applies to any physical location in this State or any online market or
13 platform offered to residents of this State, including a prediction market. In this section,
14 "prediction market" means a market or platform where a person can bet on the outcome of a
15 future event."

16 **SECTION 1.(b)** This section becomes effective December 1, 2026, and applies to
17 offenses committed on or after that date.

18 **SECTION 2.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the State Lottery
19 Commission the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027
20 fiscal year to enforce this act.

21 **SECTION 2.(b)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2026.

22 **SECTION 3.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
23 law.

