



# SENATE BILL 154: Allow Sports/Horse Race Wagering Tribal Lands.

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<b>Committee:</b>	House Commerce. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	July 9, 2019
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**OVERVIEW:** *Senate Bill 154 would allow sports and horse race wagering on tribal lands.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Currently, under G.S. 14-292.2, only the following types of games may be lawfully conducted on Indian lands that are held in trust by the United States government for and on behalf of federally recognized Indian tribes in North Carolina:

- Gaming machines.
- Live table games.
- Raffles, as identified in G.S. 14-309.15(b).
- Video games, as defined in G.S. 14-306 and G.S. 14-306.1A.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** Senate Bill 154 would add sports and horse race wagering to the list of "Class III" games which may be lawfully conducted on Indian lands. The bill would also define sports and horse race wagering as follows:

- Sports wagering. – The placing of wages on the outcome of professional and collegiate sports contests.
- Horse race wagering. – Fixed odds or parimutuel wagering on thoroughbred, harness or other racing of horses, including simulcasting and off track betting.

For purposes of both wagers, the wager is deemed to occur where it is initiated and received, all of which must occur on Indian lands within the State lawfully permitted to conduct Class III gaming activities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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