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Tribes Agree to Limitations on Sports Gambling in Wisconsin

(Madison, WI) – Representative Ron Tusler (R-Harrison) released the following statement after Assembly Bill 601, which would exclude certain sports wagers from the definition of a “bet,” was signed into law by Governor Evers as 2025 Wisconsin Act 247. “I have long been against sports betting in Wisconsin. In 2018, the Supreme Court struck down the *Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PASPA)*, which made sports betting illegal in the United States. Since then, I have had the unfortunate opportunity to see the effects of unchecked, legalized sports betting across the country. From what I have seen, unregulated, legalized sports betting has caused more harm than good in these states.

“I shared these concerns with many of my Republican colleagues, who expressed similar hesitation. For that reason, I opposed the bill throughout most of the legislative process. However, I realize that unregulated sports gambling is already occurring in Wisconsin, unchecked, on sites like FanDuel and DraftKings. Further, there has been no effort to enforce our laws on these sites.

Therefore, I led a group of Republican legislators to ask the tribes to agree to certain limitations on sports gambling in order to win our vote on this bill. At first, they declined. But, they eventually agreed to:

- Banning the use of credit cards
 - This will require gamblers to only wager money they have
- An age verification process to prevent minors from gambling online
- A system that allows users to limit the amount of money they can bet in a day
- A system that allows users to pause or lock their account from betting if they feel like it’s becoming a problem



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- No “Microbetting” - betting on small events, for example, whether the next pitch is a strike or a ball.
 - This is specifically problematic as it targets gambling addicts’ dopamine excitement when winning.

“Although not perfect, these limitations are better than unregulated and unchecked betting in this state. I will be watching closely as the tribes amend the sports gambling compact to include these provisions and work vigorously to provide more resources to help problem gamblers. Our goal should be to reduce the amount of people gambling, and I will work with both Republicans and Democrats to achieve this.”

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