



Attorney General Doug Peterson

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“We are pleased with Court’s ruling today applying well established Nebraska law on horse race wagering. Unfortunately, the Nebraska Racing Commission was given this same legal analysis by our office back in November of 2018. Despite this, on July 31, 2019, three Commission members chose to ignore Nebraska law and voted to allow in Nebraska the use of slot machine like devices known as the PariMax Pari-Mutuel Wagering System. Fortunately, the Court’s order immediately stopped those efforts.

Citizens who are selected to serve on Nebraska Commissions have a duty to uphold Nebraska law. It is concerning that three members of this Commission felt they could ignore the law at the request of one industry. Because of their actions, the Commission has incurred the expenses of hiring outside counsel. That is a cost to the State that could have easily and properly been avoided,” stated Attorney General Doug Peterson.

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