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(S.D.)-New Law Will Keep Banned Players Out Of Casinos



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PIERRE, S.D. (AP) - South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard has signed into law a measure aimed at keeping banned gamblers out of Deadwood casinos.

Existing law already gives the South Dakota Gaming Commission authority to prohibit players from entering casinos based on cheating or other misconduct. But officials say it's been difficult to enforce those bans because there is no penalty for banned players who re-enter casinos.

The law signed by the governor will make it a Class 1 misdemeanor for anyone to enter a Deadwood casino after being placed on the list of people excluded from those establishments. The maximum penalty for violating a ban would be one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

The law will take effect July 1.

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