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Subject: AB194

Members of the Committee,

We reviewed the changes in the March 11 mock-up and have several points that we believe need to be re-iterated.

Page 3, Section 7, Subsection (a), line 31 - The NDOW tells us they have been advised by several of the district attorneys they work with that proving that a "commercial" business relationship exists makes it very hard to prosecute an illegal guiding case. We would ask that the word "commercial" be deleted. The wording would read "predicated on a business relationship". This would also have to be changed on Page 5, Section 8, line 13 to be consistent.

Page 6, Section 9, Subsection 2, line 44 - The intent of NOGA, and the working group, was to make the penalties for illegal guiding more severe. Forfeiture for a gross misdemeanor is the penalty in the existing statute. To remove forfeiture is a step backward. We would ask that the wording " gross misdemeanor or felony" be re-instated.

Page 5, Section 8, Subsection (b), line 18 - The words "for compensation" should be inserted after person to be consistent with the definition in Section 7.

We appreciate your consideration.

Henry Krenka (President of NOGA)

by George Corner