

Casino group fighting gaming tax increase

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CARSON CITY – The Nevada Resort Association, a group of major casino owners, says an initiative petition to raise gaming taxes is confusing and fails to tell the voter the full story.

The petition doesn't provide any insight into how much money will be generated or who will pay the fees.

The association, represented by attorney Matt Griffin, filed papers on Wednesday in District Court to support its lawsuit arguing that the petition should be declared defective.

Las Vegas businessman Monte Miller filed the initiative petition with the secretary of states office on Feb. 7 to boost the gambling tax on big casinos from 6 percent to 9 percent on gross revenue.

Attorney Maggie McLetchie, a spokeswoman for Miller, said she was "not surprised" and expected the Resort Association would "do all they could to keep this out of the hands of the voters."

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