

HOUSE BILL NO. 664

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1 House BILL NO. 664
 2 INTRODUCED BY Curtiss Hagen Harold Wiggins
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 5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO REVISE THE GAMBLING
 6 LAWS BY REVISING THE DEFINITIONS OF "SLOT MACHINE" AND
 7 "AUTHORIZED CARD GAME" AND PROHIBITING SIMULATED OR
 8 ELECTRONIC BINGO GAMES; AMENDING SECTIONS 23-5-101,
 9 23-5-302, 23-5-311, AND 23-5-411, MCA."

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 23-5-101, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "23-5-101. Definitions. (1) A slot machine is defined
 13 as ~~a any machine, apparatus, or device that is~~ operated by
 14 inserting, ~~a depositing, or placing with another person any~~
 15 coin, token, chip, trade check, or paper currency, therein
 16 ~~by the player and from the play of which he obtains or may~~
 17 ~~obtain or other object if, as a result of such operation, by~~
 18 ~~reason of any element of chance, the user may receive or~~
 19 ~~become entitled to~~ money, checks, chips, tokens, or paper
 20 currency redeemable in money ~~or anything of value,~~
 21 ~~irrespective of whether the machine, apparatus, or device~~
 22 ~~also may sell, deliver, or present money, merchandise, or~~
 23 ~~other tangible or intangible thing of value.~~ Merchandise
 24 ~~vending machines where the element of chance does not enter~~
 25 ~~into their operation are not within the provisions of this~~

1 parts

2 (2) In addition to their ordinary meaning, the words
 3 "person" or "persons", as used in this part, include both
 4 natural and artificial persons and all partnerships,
 5 corporations, associations, clubs, fraternal orders, and
 6 societies, including religious, fraternal, and charitable
 7 organizations."

8 Section 2. Section 23-5-302, MCA, is amended to read:

9 "23-5-302. Definitions. As used in this part and
 10 unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms
 11 or phrases have the following meanings:

12 (1) "Authorized card game" means any card game
 13 permitted by this part ~~but does not include any game played~~
 14 ~~on or with any machine, apparatus, electronic device, or~~
 15 ~~other instrument which purports to simulate a card game~~
 16 ~~permitted by this part.~~

17 (2) "Card game" means any game played ~~by and between~~
 18 ~~two or more persons~~ with playing cards for which the prize
 19 is money or any item of value."

20 Section 3. Section 23-5-311, MCA, is amended to read:

21 "23-5-311. Authorized Prohibition -- ~~authorized~~ card
 22 games. (1) It is unlawful for any person to conduct or
 23 participate in any card game or make any tables available
 24 for the playing of card games except those card games
 25 authorized by this part.

1 (2) The card games authorized by this part are and are
2 limited to the card games ~~commonly~~ known as bridge,
3 cribbage, hearts, panguingue, pinochle, pitch, rummy, whist,
4 solo, and poker.

5 ~~(3) Any game played on or with any machine, apparatus,~~
6 ~~electronic device, or other instrument which purports to~~
7 ~~simulate a card game as defined in this part is not an~~
8 ~~authorized card game."~~

9 Section 4. Section 23-5-411, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "23-5-411. Bingo and raffles authorized ~~exceptions.~~
11 ~~conducting (1) Except as provided in subsection (2),~~
12 ~~conducting~~ or participating in games of chance as defined in
13 23-5-402 and in accordance with the provisions of this part
14 is lawful.

15 ~~(2) It is unlawful for a person to maintain or operate~~
16 ~~any machine, apparatus, electronic device, or other~~
17 ~~instrument that simulates or purports to simulate the games~~
18 ~~of chance defined in 23-5-402."~~

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