

HB 763 INTRODUCED BY ADDY, ET AL.
DEFINING CASINO; AUTHORIZING LOCAL LICENSURE

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1 House BILL NO. 763
2 INTRODUCED BY Andy Hand

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING A CASINO AS A
5 PREMISES WHERE CARD GAMES ARE OFFERED ON A 24-HOUR-A-DAY
6 BASIS; AUTHORIZING CITIES, TOWNS, AND COUNTIES TO LICENSE
7 CASINOS; AMENDING SECTIONS 23-5-302 AND 23-5-321, MCA; AND
8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 23-5-302, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "23-5-302. Definitions. As used in this part and
13 unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms
14 or phrases have the following meanings:

15 (1) "Authorized card game" means any card game
16 permitted by this part.

17 (2) "Card game" means any game played with cards for
18 which the prize is money or any item of value.

19 (3) "Casino" means a premises offering authorized card
20 games on a 24-hour-a-day basis."

21 Section 2. Section 23-5-321, MCA, is amended to read:

22 "23-5-321. Licensing by local governing bodies. (1)
23 Any city, town, or county may issue licenses for the games
24 provided for in this part to be conducted on premises which
25 have been licensed for the sale of liquor, beer, food,

1 cigarettes, or any other consumable products. The city,
2 town, or county licensing the games may also license the
3 premises on which the games are played as a casino. Within
4 the cities or towns, such licenses may be issued by the city
5 or town council or commission. Licenses for games conducted
6 on premises outside the limits of any city or town may be
7 issued by the county commissioners of the respective
8 counties. When a license has been required by any city,
9 town, or county, no game as provided for in this part shall
10 be conducted on any premises which have been licensed for
11 the sale of liquor, beer, food, cigarettes, or any other
12 consumable product without such license having first been
13 obtained. No premises may be operated as a casino without
14 first obtaining a license.

15 (2) Any governing body may charge an annual license
16 fee for each license so issued under this part, which
17 license fee, if any, shall expire on June 30 of each year,
18 and such fee shall be prorated.

19 (3) Any license issued pursuant to this part shall be
20 deemed to be a revocable privilege, and no holder thereof
21 may acquire any vested rights therein or thereunder."

22 NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. This act is
23 effective July 1, 1987.

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