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2 INTRODUCED BY Menahan, ^{House}Parikh BILL NO. 559
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11 for sponsoring a pinochle tournament. A person or entity is entitled to only one permit in each calendar
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