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1 AN ACT Relating to gambling; and amending RCW 9.46.0217 and
2 9.46.0281.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0217 and 1987 c 4 s 6 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 "Commercial stimulant," as used in this chapter, means an activity
7 is operated as a commercial stimulant, for the purposes of this
8 chapter, only when it is an (~~incidental~~) activity operated in
9 connection with(~~, and incidental to,~~) an established business, with
10 the (~~primary~~) purpose of increasing the volume of sales of food or
11 drink for consumption on that business premises. The commission may by
12 rule establish guidelines and criteria for applying this definition to
13 its applicants and licensees for gambling activities authorized by this
14 chapter as commercial stimulants.

15 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0281 and 1987 c 4 s 21 are each amended to read
16 as follows:

17 "Social card game," as used in this chapter, means a card game,
18 including but not limited to the game commonly known as "Mah-Jongg,"

1 which constitutes gambling and contains each of the following
2 characteristics:

3 (1) There are two or more participants and each of them are
4 players. However, no business with a public cardroom on its premises
5 may have more than five separate tables at which card games are played;

6 (2) A player's success at winning money or other thing of value by
7 overcoming chance is in the long run largely determined by the skill of
8 the player;

9 (3) No organization, corporation or person collects or obtains or
10 charges any percentage of or collects or obtains any portion of the
11 money or thing of value wagered or won by any of the players:
12 PROVIDED, That this subsection shall not preclude a player from
13 collecting or obtaining his or her winnings;

14 (4) No organization or corporation, or person collects or obtains
15 any money or thing of value from, or charges or imposes any fee upon,
16 any person which either enables him or her to play or results in or
17 from his or her playing in excess of (~~two~~) three dollars per half
18 hour of playing time by that person collected in advance: PROVIDED,
19 That a fee may also be charged for entry into a tournament for prizes,
20 which fee shall not exceed fifty dollars, including all separate fees
21 which might be paid by a player for various phases or events of the
22 tournament: PROVIDED FURTHER, That this subsection shall not apply to
23 the membership fee in any bona fide charitable or nonprofit
24 organization;

25 (5) The type of card game is one specifically approved by the
26 commission pursuant to RCW 9.46.070; and

27 (6) The extent of wagers, money or other thing of value which may
28 be wagered or contributed by any player does not exceed the amount or
29 value specified by the commission pursuant to RCW 9.46.070.

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