
SENATE BILL 5560

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By Senators Schow, Prentice, Snyder, Anderson and Horn

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1 AN ACT Relating to social card games; and amending RCW 9.46.0281.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0281 and 1996 c 314 s 1 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 "Social card game," as used in this chapter, means a ~~((card game))~~
6 contest of chance, including but not limited to the game commonly known
7 as "Mah-Jongg," which constitutes gambling and contains each of the
8 following characteristics:

9 (1) There are two or more participants ~~((and each of them are~~
10 players)) who shall either be players or persons licensed by the
11 commission. The number of card tables shall be set by the commission
12 but shall not exceed a total of fifteen separate tables per
13 establishment;

14 (2) ~~((Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, a~~
15 player's success at winning money or other thing of value by overcoming
16 chance is in the long run largely determined by the skill of the
17 player;

1 ~~(3))~~ A cardroom may (~~serve as the custodian of~~) provide a
2 player-supported progressive prize contest(~~(, in any card game)~~) as
3 authorized by the commission;

4 ~~((4))~~ (3) No organization or corporation, or person other than
5 one licensed by the commission to operate a cardroom collects or
6 obtains any money or thing of value from, or charges or imposes any fee
7 upon, any person which either enables him or her to play or results in
8 or from his or her playing;

9 ~~((5))~~ (4) The type of card game is one specifically approved by
10 the commission pursuant to RCW 9.46.070; and

11 ~~((6))~~ (5) The extent of wagers, money or other thing of value
12 which may be wagered or contributed by any player does not exceed the
13 amount or value specified by the commission pursuant to RCW 9.46.070.

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