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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Wood, McMorris, Conway and Clements)

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1 AN ACT Relating to recreational gambling events; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 A bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization may conduct
7 recreational gambling events for purposes of raising funds in the form
8 of donations made by individuals attending the event. The following
9 restrictions apply to recreational gambling events:

10 (1) Only gambling activities authorized by RCW 9.46.0233 may be
11 conducted.

12 (2) Equipment used must not include any gambling equipment
13 otherwise prohibited by this title and must be rented or otherwise
14 obtained from persons licensed by the commission.

15 (3) The sponsoring organization may require a donation of up to
16 five hundred dollars per person for the opportunity to participate in
17 the event. Participants may make additional donations of up to two
18 hundred dollars and obtain additional scrip or chips during the event.
19 If prizes are awarded or if meals, entertainment, or other items of

1 value are provided in conjunction with the event, their value must be
2 identified to persons making donations to participate.

3 (4) All wagers must be made with scrip or chips with no value. At
4 the end of the event, participants may be given the opportunity to
5 purchase or otherwise redeem their scrip or chips for merchandise
6 prizes. All merchandise prizes must be donated to or provided by the
7 sponsoring organization. The value of all purchased prizes must not
8 exceed ten percent of the gross revenue from the event.

9 (5) Only members and guests of the sponsoring organization may
10 participate in the event.

11 (6) Except as provided in subsection (7) of this section, no person
12 other than a member or employee of the sponsoring organization may take
13 any part in the management or operation of the event.

14 (7) A person who has been licensed by the commission may organize
15 and conduct a recreational gambling event on behalf of the sponsoring
16 organization, but may not provide the facility for the event. These
17 persons may use paid personnel and may be compensated by a fixed fee,
18 but shall not share in the proceeds of the event.

19 (8) The gambling activity is limited to eight hours in any twenty-
20 four-hour period. No sponsoring organization may conduct more than two
21 events under this section in a twelve-month period.

22 (9) The commission shall adopt rules governing the operation of
23 recreational gambling events and the licensing of persons who may
24 organize and conduct the events on behalf of charitable and nonprofit
25 organizations.

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