
HOUSE BILL 1781

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing wagering limits in social card
2 games in cities and towns; and amending RCW 9.46.0282, 9.46.192, and
3 9.46.295.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0282 and 1997 c 118 s 1 are each amended to read
6 as follows:

7 "Social card game" as used in this chapter means a card game that
8 constitutes gambling and is authorized by the commission under RCW
9 9.46.070. Authorized card games may include a house-banked or a
10 player-funded banked card game. No one may participate in the card
11 game or have an interest in the proceeds of the card game who is not a
12 player or a person licensed by the commission to participate in social
13 card games. There shall be two or more participants in the card game
14 who are players or persons licensed by the commission. The card game
15 must be played in accordance with the rules adopted by the commission
16 under RCW 9.46.070, which shall include but not be limited to rules for
17 the collection of fees, limitation of wagers except for limits on
18 wagers set by cities and towns under RCW 9.46.192(2), and management of
19 player funds. The number of tables authorized shall be set by the

1 commission but shall not exceed a total of fifteen separate tables per
2 establishment.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.192 and 1977 ex.s. c 326 s 11 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Every city or town is authorized to enact as an ordinance of
6 that city or town any or all of the sections of this chapter the
7 violation of which constitutes a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor. The
8 city or town may not modify the language of any section of this chapter
9 in enacting such section except as necessary to put the section in the
10 proper form of an ordinance or to provide for a sentence [to] be served
11 in the appropriate detention facility. The ordinance must provide for
12 the same maximum penalty for its violation as may be imposed under the
13 section in this chapter.

14 (2) A city or town may enact as an ordinance wagering limits for
15 social card games authorized under this chapter in an amount less than,
16 but in no case greater than, the limits set for such wagering by the
17 gambling commission.

18 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.295 and 1974 ex.s. c 155 s 6 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 Any license to engage in any of the gambling activities authorized
21 by this chapter as now exists or as hereafter amended, and issued under
22 the authority thereof shall be legal authority to engage in the
23 gambling activities for which issued throughout the incorporated and
24 unincorporated area of any county, except that a city located therein
25 with respect to that city, or a county with respect to all areas within
26 that county except for such cities, may absolutely prohibit, but may
27 not change the scope of license except under RCW 9.46.192(2), any or
28 all of the gambling activities for which the license was issued.

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