
HOUSE BILL 2196

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By Representative Conway

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1 AN ACT Relating to the gambling commission process for granting
2 application for house-banked card rooms; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 9.46 RCW.

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

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

7 (1) The commission may grant an application for participation in
8 the house-banked card room pilot program or a subsequent house-banked
9 card room license established by the commission only after public
10 notification and local public meetings have been completed consistent
11 with this section.

12 (2) The commission shall establish a process for early and
13 continuous public participation in the granting of applications for
14 participation in the house-banked card room pilot program and for any
15 subsequent house-banked card room license established by the
16 commission. This process shall include public meetings in the local
17 communities affected and opportunities for written and oral comments.

18 Notification shall be provided to the following:

1 (a) All newspapers of general circulation in the local area and all
2 local radio stations, television stations, and cable networks;

3 (b) The local law enforcement agencies and any other local agency
4 or organization that requests such notification from the commission;

5 (c) All residents and/or property owners within a one-half mile
6 radius of the proposed card room location; and

7 (d) Churches, schools, and public institutions within a one-half
8 mile radius of the licensed card room location.

9 (3) If requested, the applicant shall meet with neighboring
10 residents, organizations, and public agencies regarding any reasonable
11 concerns they may have on the impact of the gambling activity on the
12 neighboring area.

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