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SENATE BILL 5556

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1 AN ACT Relating to social card games in an area annexed by a city  
2 or town that allowed a house-banked social card game business to  
3 continue operating under RCW 9.46.295; and amending RCW 9.46.295.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.295 and 2009 c 550 s 2 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any license to engage in any of the gambling activities  
8 authorized by this chapter as now exists or as hereafter amended, and  
9 issued under the authority thereof shall be legal authority to engage  
10 in the gambling activities for which issued throughout the incorporated  
11 and unincorporated area of any county, except that a city located  
12 therein with respect to that city, or a county with respect to all  
13 areas within that county except for such cities, may absolutely  
14 prohibit, but may not change the scope of license, any or all of the  
15 gambling activities for which the license was issued.

16 (2)(a) A city or town with a prohibition on house-banked social  
17 card game licenses that annexes an area that is within a city, town, or  
18 county that permits house-banked social card games may allow a house-  
19 banked social card game business that was licensed by the commission as

1 of July 26, 2009, to continue operating if the city or town is  
2 authorized to impose a tax under RCW 82.14.415 and can demonstrate that  
3 the continuation of the house-banked social card game business will  
4 reduce the credit against the state sales and use tax as provided in  
5 RCW 82.14.415(7).

6 (b) A city or town that allowed a house-banked social card game  
7 business in an annexed area to continue operating under (a) of this  
8 subsection before July 15, 2010, shall allow all social card game  
9 businesses in the annexed area that were licensed by the commission as  
10 of January 1, 2011, to continue operating.

11 (c) A city or town that allows a ((house-banked)) social card game  
12 business in an annexed area to continue operating is not required to  
13 allow additional ((house-banked)) social card game businesses.

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