
HOUSE BILL 2416

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By Representative Kirby

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1 AN ACT Relating to workers at gambling establishments
2 participating as a player in gambling activities; adding a new
3 section to chapter 9.46 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it is
8 unlawful for a person to participate as a player in any gambling
9 conducted by an operator of a gambling activity authorized under this
10 chapter if the person is employed by the operator of the gambling
11 activity and has employment-related duties that require the person to
12 hold an individual license or permit issued by the commission in
13 accordance with RCW 9.46.070(17).

14 (2) This section does not apply to a person who:

15 (a) Is employed by a federally recognized Indian tribe or an
16 entity owned by a federally recognized Indian tribe that conducts
17 class III gaming in accordance with a compact entered pursuant to RCW
18 9.46.360 and who participates as a player in gambling conducted by
19 the tribe or tribal entity; or

20 (b) Is employed by a bona fide charitable or nonprofit
21 organization that conducts gambling activities in accordance with

1 this chapter and who participates as a player in gambling conducted
2 by the bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization.

3 (3) A violation of this section is punishable as a misdemeanor
4 under RCW 9A.20.021.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If any provision of this act or its
6 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
7 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
8 persons or circumstances is not affected.

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