



BILL SUMMARY

Social and Charitable Gaming HF 642

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Background

This bill is a code update and modernization of Iowa Code chapter 99B which cover social and charitable gaming. The bill comes from the Department of Inspection and Appeals (DIA). The purpose of the rewrite is to update, simplify, and modernize the code to be current with the state of gambling activities while eliminating out of date provisions.

Summary

The bill deal makes definition changes and modernizes the code, the significant changes are below:

- Amusement concessions: Update the maximum prize value from \$50 to \$100 and raise the maximum to play and amusement concession game from \$3 to \$5.
- Mechanical Amusement Devices: Increases the number to four mechanical amusement devices in a place of business. Current law allows for two.
- Bingo occasions: Allows for 15 bingo occasions per month instead of 14. This is to address the difficulty of scheduling in months with 31 days.
- Raffles in a casino property: Eliminates the restriction of the ability to have a raffle on a whole casino property. Currently organizations are not allowed to have a raffle anywhere in a casino, this would allow them to have one in a ballroom, meeting room, conference room, etc.
- Security on Mechanical Amusement Devices: Adds the potential for the suspension or revocation of any liquor control license in addition to the civil penalty of \$250.
- Raffle Definitions: Creates a new chapter in code for raffle definitions based on the amount of cash or prize value
- Bona Fide Contests: Raises the top prize value from \$50 to \$250.
- Forms of payment: Eliminates the ability to pay with credit card.
- Bingo: No bingo is allowed in casinos.
- Gaming: Allows for establishments with a liquor license to allow wagers on the outcome of sports events or series of sporting events. The maximum wager is \$5 and allows for participants to pool money on the outcome. The establishment is not allowed to take any money from the pool. This would allow for bars to sponsor NCAA bracket pools.