
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMBLING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 712-1220, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending the definition of "gambling" to read as
3 follows:

4 "(4) "Gambling". A person engages in gambling if [~~he~~] the
5 person stakes or risks something of value upon the outcome of a
6 contest of chance or a future contingent event not under [~~his~~]
7 the person's control or influence, upon an agreement or
8 understanding that [~~he~~] the person or someone else will receive
9 something of value in the event of a certain outcome.

10 Gambling does not include [~~bona~~]:

11 (a) Bona fide business transactions valid under the law of
12 contracts, including but not limited to contracts for
13 the purchase or sale at a future date of securities or
14 commodities [~~, and agreements~~];

15 (b) Agreements to compensate for loss caused by the
16 happening of chance, including but not limited to
17 contracts of indemnity or guaranty and life, health,
18 or accident insurance [~~+~~]; or



1 (c) A participating player staking or risking something of
2 value on the outcome of any game where the outcome is
3 predominantly determined by the skill of the players,
4 including but not limited to chess, bridge,
5 backgammon, poker, rummy, axis and allies, golf, and
6 bowling, but excluding any game in which the outcome
7 is determined in part by a computer program, such as
8 video poker and video blackjack."

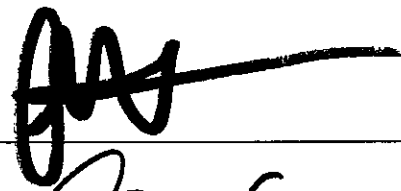

9 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
13 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



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Report Title:

Gambling; Exemption for Games of Skill; Poker; Golf; Bowling;
Chess; Backgammon; Bridge

Description:

Exempts from gambling offenses, any game where the outcome is predominantly determined by the skill of the players, including chess, bridge, backgammon, poker, rummy, golf, and bowling, but excluding games that are determined in part by a computer program.

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