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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO.

Gambling amendments.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Kolb

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; amending and
2 creating exceptions to the offense of gambling; amending
3 definitions; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii)(intro), (E), (H) and
8 (ix) is amended to read:

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10 **6-7-101. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this article:

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1 (iii) "Gambling" means risking any property for
2 gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, or chance,
3 ~~the operation of a~~ in any game played with cards, dice,
4 balls or on any gambling device or contingent on the
5 happening or outcome of an event, including a sporting
6 event, over which the person taking a risk has no control,
7 but does not include any of the following:

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9 (E) Any game, wager or transaction: which
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12 (I) Incidental to a bona fide social
13 relationship; ~~is~~

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15 (II) Participated in by natural persons
16 only; ~~and~~

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18 (III) Conducted in a private manner, at
19 a private place or at a business or fraternal organization
20 for which the primary source of revenue of the business or
21 fraternal organization is not derived from any activity
22 involving risking property for gain;

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1 (IV) Not advertised or otherwise open
2 to public participation; and

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4 (V) In which no person ~~is~~
5 ~~participating, directly or indirectly, in professional~~
6 ~~gambling;~~ receives any economic benefit from the game,
7 wager or transaction other than the direct realization of
8 winnings.

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12 STAFF COMMENT
13 The "social gambling" exception above is amended to include
14 additional elements to narrow the exception. If the
15 Committee wishes to further define or clarify the
16 relationship element, changes could include the following:
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18 • Requiring that a relationship exist "among persons all
19 of whom are known to one another independent of the
20 game, wager or transaction".
21 • Defining bona fide social relationship as: "A genuine
22 social relationship between two (2) or more persons
23 wherein each person has an established knowledge of
24 the other. "Bona fide social relationship" shall not
25 include a social relationship which has arisen for the
26 purpose of gambling."
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30 (H) Raffles conducted for charitable
31 purposes in which one hundred percent (100%) of the net

proceeds remaining after payment of all costs, supplies and
winnings are used for charitable purposes;

(ix) "Profit" means ~~benefit other than a gain,
which is realized or unrealized and direct, including
benefits from unequal advantage in a series of transactions
but does not include benefits of proprietorship or
management of a business wherein a game, wager or
transaction described in W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii)(E) occurs~~ any
financial gain;

STAFF COMMENT

Wyoming law provides limited exceptions to the definition
of "gambling" for certain forms of charitable gambling:

1. Bingo and pull-tab games conducted by "charitable or
nonprofit organizations" and licensed by the Wyoming
Gaming Commission;
2. Calcutta wagering conducted by a "nationally
chartered veterans', religious, charitable,
educational or fraternal organization or nonprofit
local civic or service club" and licensed by the
Wyoming Gaming Commission;
3. Raffles conducted for "charitable purposes."

There is no general exception for charitable fundraising
that involves gambling outside these categories. If the
Select Committee wishes to expand the scope of charitable
gambling, it may consider consolidating or reviewing the
existing statutory exceptions to create a more uniform
framework.

1 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

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3 (END)