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A BILL FOR

1 An Act permitting certain poker and euchre contests to be
2 conducted by qualified organizations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99B.7, subsection 1, unnumbered
2 paragraph 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

3 Except as otherwise provided in section 99B.8 or 99B.8A,
4 games of skill, games of chance, and raffles lawfully may be
5 conducted at a specified location meeting the requirements of
6 subsection 2 of this section, but only if all of the following
7 are complied with:

8 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 99B.8A POKER AND EUCHRE CONTESTS.

9 1. A poker or euchre contest lawfully may be conducted
10 during a period of twenty-four consecutive hours no more than
11 twelve times each calendar year by a qualified organization
12 also licensed under section 99B.7. The poker or euchre
13 contest may be conducted at any location except one for which
14 a license is required pursuant to section 99B.3 or section
15 99B.5, but only if all of the following are complied with:

16 a. The sponsor of the event has been issued a license
17 pursuant to subsection 3 and prominently displays that license
18 on the premises covered by the license.

19 b. During the entire time activities permitted by this
20 section are being engaged in, no other gambling is engaged in
21 at the same location.

22 c. A participant shall not win or lose more than a total
23 of three hundred dollars or other consideration equivalent
24 thereto in one or more games of poker or euchre at any time
25 during any period of twenty-four consecutive hours or over
26 that entire period in which a poker or euchre contest is
27 conducted. For the purpose of this paragraph, the total
28 amount a person wins or loses in any game, wager, or bet shall
29 be determined regardless of any amount that person may have
30 contributed to the amount at stake.

31 2. The sponsor of a poker or euchre contest may charge an
32 entrance fee or a fee to participate in the games, and
33 participants may pay an entrance or other fee for
34 participation, provided that a participant may not expend more
35 than a total of three hundred dollars for all fees. The

1 provisions of section 99B.7, subsection 3, paragraphs "b" and
2 "c", shall apply to poker and euchre contests conducted by a
3 qualified organization pursuant to this section.

4 3. The department of inspections and appeals may issue a
5 license pursuant to this section pursuant to rules adopted by
6 the department. The license may be issued only upon
7 submission to the department of an application and a license
8 fee of twenty-five dollars.

9 Sec. 3. Section 99B.9, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
10 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

11 Except as otherwise permitted by section 99B.3, 99B.5,
12 99B.6, 99B.7, 99B.8, 99B.8A, 99B.11, or 99B.12A, it is
13 unlawful to permit gambling on any premises owned, leased,
14 rented, or otherwise occupied by a person other than a
15 government, governmental agency, or governmental subdivision,
16 unless all of the following are complied with:

17 Sec. 4. Section 99B.12, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
18 1, Code 2005, is amended to read as follows:

19 Except in instances where because of the location of the
20 game or the circumstances of the game section 99B.3, section
21 99B.5, section 99B.6, section 99B.7, section 99B.8, section
22 99B.8A, or section 99B.9 is applicable, individuals may
23 participate in gambling specified in subsection 2, but only if
24 all of the following are complied with:

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill provides that a qualified organization licensed
27 under Code section 99B.7 may conduct up to 12 poker and euchre
28 contests in a calendar year. The bill requires the qualified
29 organization to pay a \$25 license fee to conduct the contests.
30 The bill provides that, to be lawful, a participant in a poker
31 or euchre contest cannot lose or win more than \$300 in a 24-
32 hour period and may pay no more than \$300 in entrance fees.

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