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ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5556

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By Senate Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Prentice, Fain, and Keiser)

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1 AN ACT Relating to social card games in an area annexed by a city  
2 or town that allowed a house-banked social card game business to  
3 continue operating under RCW 9.46.295; and amending RCW 9.46.295.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.295 and 2011 c 134 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7 (1) Any license to engage in any of the gambling activities  
8 authorized by this chapter as now exists or as hereafter amended, and  
9 issued under the authority thereof (~~shall be~~) is legal authority to  
10 engage in the gambling activities for which issued throughout the  
11 incorporated and unincorporated area of any county, except that a city  
12 located therein with respect to that city, or a county with respect to  
13 all areas within that county except for such cities, may absolutely  
14 prohibit, but may not change the scope of license, any or all of the  
15 gambling activities for which the license was issued.

16 (2)(a) A city or town with a prohibition on house-banked social  
17 card game licenses that annexes an area that is within a city, town, or  
18 county that permits house-banked social card games may allow a house-  
19 banked social card game business that was licensed by the commission as

1 of July 26, 2009, to continue operating if the city or town is  
2 authorized to impose a tax under RCW 82.14.415 and can demonstrate that  
3 the continuation of the house-banked social card game business will  
4 reduce the credit against the state sales and use tax as provided in  
5 RCW 82.14.415(7).

6 (b) A city or town that allowed a house-banked social card game  
7 business in an annexed area to continue operating under (a) of this  
8 subsection before July 15, 2010, (~~shall~~) must allow all social card  
9 game businesses in the annexed area that were operating and licensed by  
10 the commission as of January 1, 2011, to continue operating.

11 (c) A city or town that allows a social card game business in an  
12 annexed area to continue operating is not required to allow additional  
13 social card game businesses.

14 (d) A city or town with a prohibition on house-banked social card  
15 game businesses that annexes an area that is within a city, town, or  
16 county, where the annexed city, town, or county: (i) Permits house-  
17 banked social card games; and (ii) is not eligible for the tax under  
18 RCW 82.14.415, the annexing city or town may allow a house-banked  
19 social card game business that was licensed by the commission prior to  
20 January 1, 2013, to continue operating if the annexing city or town  
21 annexes all of the established urban growth area within a county for  
22 the city or town.

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