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1 AN ACT Relating to social card games; amending RCW 9.46.0281; and
2 making an appropriation.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0281 and 1994 c 120 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 "Social card game," as used in this chapter, means a card game,
7 including but not limited to the game commonly known as "Mah-Jongg,"
8 which constitutes gambling and contains each of the following
9 characteristics:

10 (1) There are two or more participants and each of them are
11 players. However, no business with a public cardroom on its premises
12 may have more than (~~five~~) fifteen separate tables at which card games
13 are played;

14 (2) A player's success at winning money or other thing of value by
15 overcoming chance is in the long run largely determined by the skill of
16 the player;

17 (3) No organization, corporation or person collects or obtains or
18 charges any percentage of or collects or obtains any portion of the
19 money or thing of value wagered or won by any of the players:

1 PROVIDED, That this subsection shall not preclude a player from
2 collecting or obtaining his or her winnings;

3 (4) No organization or corporation, or person collects or obtains
4 any money or thing of value from, or charges or imposes any fee upon,
5 any person which either enables him or her to play or results in or
6 from his or her playing (~~in excess of three dollars per half hour of~~
7 ~~playing time by that person collected in advance:~~ PROVIDED, That a fee
8 may also be charged for entry into a tournament for prizes, which fee
9 shall not exceed fifty dollars, including all separate fees which might
10 be paid by a player for various phases or events of the tournament:
11 ~~PROVIDED FURTHER, That this subsection shall not apply to the~~
12 ~~membership fee in any bona fide charitable or nonprofit organization));~~

13 (5) The type of card game is one specifically approved by the
14 commission pursuant to RCW 9.46.070; and

15 (6) The extent of wagers, money or other thing of value which may
16 be wagered or contributed by any player does not exceed the amount or
17 value specified by the commission pursuant to RCW 9.46.070.

18 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. One million dollars is appropriated from the
19 general fund--state to be deposited in the gambling revolving fund as
20 established in RCW 9.46.100.

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