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SENATE BILL 5468

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By Senators Owen and McCaslin

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1 AN ACT Relating to golfing sweepstakes; and amending RCW 9.46.0341.

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

3 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0341 and 1987 c 4 s 32 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 The legislature hereby authorizes bona fide charitable or nonprofit  
6 organizations to conduct, without the necessity of obtaining a permit  
7 or license to do so from the commission, golfing sweepstakes permitting  
8 wagers of money, and the same shall not constitute such gambling or  
9 lottery as otherwise prohibited in this chapter, or be subject to civil  
10 or criminal penalties thereunder, but this only when the outcome of  
11 such golfing sweepstakes is dependent upon the score, or scores, or the  
12 playing ability, or abilities, of a golfing contest between individual  
13 players or teams of such players, conducted in the following manner:

14 (1) Wagers are placed by buying tickets on any players in a golfing  
15 contest to "win," "place," or "show" and those holding tickets on the  
16 three winners may receive a payoff similar to the system of betting  
17 identified as parimutuel, such moneys placed as wagers to be used  
18 primarily as winners' proceeds, except moneys used to defray the

1 expenses of such golfing sweepstakes or otherwise used to carry out the  
2 purposes of such organization; or

3 (2) Participants in any golfing contest(s) pay a like sum of money  
4 into a common fund on the basis of attaining a stated number of points  
5 ascertainable from the score of such participants, and those  
6 participants attaining such stated number of points share equally in  
7 the moneys in the common fund, without any percentage of such moneys  
8 going to the sponsoring organization; and

9 (3) An auction is held in which persons may bid on the players or  
10 teams of players in the golfing contest, and the person placing the  
11 highest bid on the player or team that wins the golfing contest  
12 receives the proceeds of the auction, except moneys used to defray the  
13 expenses of the golfing sweepstakes or otherwise used to carry out the  
14 purposes of the organizations; and

15 (4) Participation is limited to members of the sponsoring  
16 organization and their bona fide guests.

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