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HOUSE BILL 1475

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By Representatives Irwin, Goodman, Hayes, Ryu, Kilduff, Holy, Klippert, Kirby, and Lovick; by request of Gambling Commission

Read first time 01/20/17. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the limited authority of gambling  
2 commission officers; and adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 When physical injury to a person or substantial damage to  
7 property occurs, or is about to occur, within the presence of an  
8 officer of the commission designated with police powers pursuant to  
9 RCW 9.46.210, the designated officer is authorized to take such  
10 action as is reasonably necessary to prevent physical injury to a  
11 person or substantial damage to property or prevent further injury to  
12 a person or further substantial damage to property. A designated  
13 officer shall be immune from civil liability for damages arising out  
14 of the action of the designated officer to prevent physical injury to  
15 a person or substantial damage to property or prevent further injury  
16 to a person or further substantial damage to property, unless it is  
17 shown that the designated officer acted with gross negligence or bad  
18 faith.

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