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HOUSE BILL 1867

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By Representatives R. King, Bowman, Day, Wilson, Dellwo, Paris and Wood.

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1            AN ACT Relating to gambling taxes; and amending RCW 9.46.110.

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

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.110 and 1987 c 4 s 39 are each amended to read as  
4 follows:

5            The legislative authority of any county, city-county, city, or  
6 town, by local law and ordinance, and in accordance with the provisions  
7 of this chapter and rules and regulations promulgated hereunder, may  
8 provide for the taxing of any gambling activity authorized by this  
9 chapter within its jurisdiction, the tax receipts to go to the county,  
10 city-county, city, or town so taxing the same: PROVIDED, That any such  
11 tax imposed by a county alone shall not apply to any gambling activity  
12 within a city or town located therein but the tax rate established by  
13 a county, if any, shall constitute the tax rate throughout the  
14 unincorporated areas of such county: PROVIDED FURTHER, That (1) punch  
15 boards and pull-tabs, chances on which shall only be sold to adults,

1 which shall have a fifty cent limit on a single chance thereon, shall  
2 be taxed on a basis which shall reflect only the gross receipts from  
3 such punch boards and pull-tabs; and (2) no punch board or pull-tab may  
4 award as a prize upon a winning number or symbol being drawn the  
5 opportunity of taking a chance upon any other punch board or pull-tab;  
6 and (3) all prizes for punch boards and pull-tabs must be on display  
7 within the immediate area of the premises wherein any such punch board  
8 or pull-tab is located and upon a winning number or symbol being drawn,  
9 such prize must be immediately removed therefrom, or such omission  
10 shall be deemed a fraud for the purposes of this chapter; and (4) when  
11 any person shall win over twenty dollars in money or merchandise from  
12 any punch board or pull-tab, every licensee hereunder shall keep a  
13 public record thereof for at least ninety days thereafter containing  
14 such information as the commission shall deem necessary: AND PROVIDED  
15 FURTHER, That taxation of bingo and raffles shall never be in an amount  
16 greater than ten percent of the gross revenue received therefrom less  
17 the amount paid for or as prizes. Taxation of amusement games shall  
18 only be in an amount sufficient to pay the actual costs of enforcement  
19 of the provisions of this chapter by the county, city or town law  
20 enforcement agency and in no event shall such taxation exceed two  
21 percent of the gross revenue therefrom less the amount paid for as  
22 prizes: PROVIDED FURTHER, That no tax shall be imposed under the  
23 authority of this chapter on bingo, raffles or amusement games when  
24 such activities or any combination thereof are conducted by any bona  
25 fide charitable or nonprofit organization as defined in this chapter,  
26 which organization has no paid operating or management personnel and  
27 has gross income from bingo, raffles or amusement games, or any  
28 combination thereof, not exceeding five thousand dollars per year less  
29 the amount paid for as prizes. Taxation of punch boards and pull-tabs  
30 shall not exceed five percent of gross receipts, nor shall taxation of

1 social card games exceed (~~twenty~~) ten percent of the gross revenue  
2 from such games.