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SOCIAL CARD GAMES--REGULATION

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President of the Senate

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CLYDE BALLARD

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Approved April 21, 1997

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5560** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

MIKE O'CONNELL

Secretary

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GARY LOCKE

Governor of the State of Washington

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By Senate Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Senators Schow, Prentice, Snyder, Anderson and Horn)

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1 AN ACT Relating to social card games; amending RCW 9.46.0265;
2 adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW; and repealing RCW 9.46.0281.

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 "Social card game" as used in this chapter means a card game that
7 constitutes gambling and is authorized by the commission under RCW
8 9.46.070. Authorized card games may include a house-banked or a
9 player-funded banked card game. No one may participate in the card
10 game or have an interest in the proceeds of the card game who is not a
11 player or a person licensed by the commission to participate in social
12 card games. There shall be two or more participants in the card game
13 who are players or persons licensed by the commission. The card game
14 must be played in accordance with the rules adopted by the commission
15 under RCW 9.46.070, which shall include but not be limited to rules for
16 the collection of fees, limitation of wagers, and management of player
17 funds. The number of tables authorized shall be set by the commission
18 but shall not exceed a total of fifteen separate tables per
19 establishment.

1 **Sec. 2.** RCW 9.46.0265 and 1991 c 261 s 2 are each amended to read
2 as follows:

3 "Player," as used in this chapter, means a natural person who
4 engages, on equal terms with the other participants, and solely as a
5 contestant or bettor, in any form of gambling in which no person may
6 receive or become entitled to receive any profit therefrom other than
7 personal gambling winnings, and without otherwise rendering any
8 material assistance to the establishment, conduct or operation of a
9 particular gambling activity. A natural person who gambles at a social
10 game of chance on equal terms with the other participants shall not be
11 considered as rendering material assistance to the establishment,
12 conduct or operation of the social game merely by performing, without
13 fee or remuneration, acts directed toward the arrangement or
14 facilitation of the game, such as inviting persons to play, permitting
15 the use of premises for the game, or supplying cards or other equipment
16 to be used in the games. A person who engages in "bookmaking" as
17 defined in this chapter is not a "player." A person who pays a fee or
18 "vigorous" enabling him or her to place a wager with a bookmaker, or
19 pays a fee other than as authorized by this chapter to participate in
20 a card game, contest of chance, lottery, or gambling activity, is not
21 a player.

22 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.0281 and 1996 c 314 s 1, 1994 c 120
23 s 2, & 1987 c 4 s 21 are each repealed.

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