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HOUSE BILL 3064

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By Representatives Conway and Clements

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 AN ACT Relating to zoning and licensing of gambling activities;  
2 amending RCW 9.46.295; and adding new sections 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 (1) The commission shall establish a process for early notification  
7 and early public participation in the licensing process for an  
8 applicant seeking a license to conduct house-banked card games. This  
9 process shall include at least one public meeting in the area affected  
10 and shall provide for submission of written and oral comments.

11 (2) Notification that a license application has been filed with the  
12 commission shall be provided to the following:

13 (a) All newspapers of general circulation in the local area and all  
14 local radio stations, television stations, and cable networks;

15 (b) The legislative authority of the local jurisdictions, the local  
16 law enforcement agencies, and any other local agency or organization  
17 that requests such notification from the commission; and

18 (c) All residents and businesses within a one-half mile radius of  
19 the proposed card room location.

1 (3) The commission may issue a license to an applicant seeking to  
2 conduct house-banked card games only after finding that issuing the  
3 license will have no significant detrimental effect on the health,  
4 safety, and welfare of the surrounding neighborhood in which the card  
5 room is or will be located. This finding shall be part of the record  
6 approving the license. In making the finding, the commission may  
7 conduct public hearings as necessary.

8 (4) If requested by the commission, the applicant shall meet with  
9 neighboring residents, organizations, and public agencies regarding any  
10 reasonable concerns they may have on the impact of the gambling  
11 activity on the neighboring area.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW  
13 to read as follows:

14 Any city, town, city-county, or county may exercise all land use  
15 and zoning powers granted or recognized under state law including the  
16 power to adopt moratoria and interim zoning controls under chapters  
17 36.70A and 90.58 RCW with respect to gambling activity licensed by the  
18 commission under this chapter.

19 **Sec. 3.** RCW 9.46.295 and 1974 ex.s. c 155 s 6 are each amended to  
20 read as follows:

21 Any license to engage in any of the gambling activities authorized  
22 by this chapter (~~as now exists or as hereafter amended~~), and issued  
23 under the authority thereof shall be legal authority to engage in the  
24 gambling activities for which issued throughout the incorporated and  
25 unincorporated area of any county, except that a city located therein  
26 with respect to that city, or a county with respect to all areas within  
27 that county except for such cities, may absolutely prohibit or exercise  
28 its land use and zoning powers in accordance with section 2 of this  
29 act, but may not change the scope of license, any or all of the  
30 gambling activities for which the license was issued.

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