
SENATE BILL 6463

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By Senators Prentice and Rasmussen

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1 AN ACT Relating to freezing the maximum wager on social card games;
2 amending RCW 9.46.0282; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.0282 and 1997 c 118 s 1 are each amended to read
5 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, but in no case may the maximum
10 allowable wager exceed the amount established by the commission and
11 effective on January 1, 2004. No one may participate in the card game
12 or have an interest in the proceeds of the card game who is not a
13 player or a person licensed by the commission to participate in social
14 card games. There shall be two or more participants in the card game
15 who are players or persons licensed by the commission. The card game
16 must be played in accordance with the rules adopted by the commission
17 under RCW 9.46.070, which shall include but not be limited to rules for
18 the collection of fees, limitation of wagers, and management of player

1 funds. The number of tables authorized shall be set by the commission
2 but shall not exceed a total of fifteen separate tables per
3 establishment.

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
6 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
7 immediately.

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