

House File 378 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning gambling on fantasy sports games.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 99B.12, subsection 1, paragraph g, Code
2 2013, is amended to read as follows:

3 g. No participant wins or loses more than a total of fifty
4 dollars or other consideration equivalent thereto in one or
5 more games or activities permitted by this ~~section~~ subsection
6 at any time during any period of twenty-four consecutive hours
7 or over that entire period. For the purpose of this paragraph
8 a person wins the total amount at stake in any game, wager or
9 bet, regardless of any amount that person may have contributed
10 to the amount at stake.

11 Sec. 2. Section 99B.12, subsection 2, unnumbered paragraph
12 1, Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

13 Games which are permitted by ~~this section~~ subsection 1 are
14 limited to the following:

15 Sec. 3. Section 99B.12, Code 2013, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 2A. a. Notwithstanding any provision of
18 this section to the contrary, and except in instances where
19 because of the location of the game or the circumstances of
20 the game section 99B.3, 99B.5, 99B.6, 99B.7, 99B.7B, 99B.8, or
21 99B.9, is applicable, an individual may participate in gambling
22 specified in paragraph "b", but only if all of the following
23 requirements are met:

24 (1) The gambling is not conducted, either wholly or in
25 part, on or in any property subject to chapter 297, relating to
26 schoolhouses and schoolhouse sites.

27 (2) All participants in the gambling are individuals, and
28 a participant shall not participate as the agent of another
29 person.

30 (3) The gambling shall be fair and honest, and shall not be
31 designed, devised, or adapted to permit predetermination of the
32 winner, or to prevent a participant from winning, and concealed
33 numbers or conversion charts shall not be used to determine the
34 winner of any game.

35 (4) A person shall not receive or have any fixed or

1 contingent right to receive, directly or indirectly, any
2 profit, remuneration, or compensation from or as a result of
3 the gambling, except any amount which the person may win as a
4 participant on the same basis as the other participants.

5 (5) A person shall not participate in any wager, bet, or
6 pool which relates to an athletic event or contest and which
7 is authorized or sponsored by one or more schools, educational
8 institutions, or interscholastic athletic organizations if
9 the person is a coach, official, player, or contestant in the
10 athletic event or contest.

11 (6) A participant shall not win or lose more than a total of
12 five hundred dollars or other consideration equivalent thereto
13 in one or more games or activities permitted by this subsection
14 at any time during any period of twenty-four consecutive
15 hours or over that entire period. For the purpose of this
16 subparagraph, a person wins the total amount at stake in any
17 game, wager, or bet, regardless of any amount that person may
18 have contributed to the amount at stake.

19 (7) A participant shall not pay an entrance fee, cover
20 charge, or other charge for the privilege of participating
21 in gambling, or for the privilege of gaining access to the
22 location in which gambling occurs.

23 *b.* Games which are permitted by paragraph "a" are limited
24 to any fantasy sports game that has an outcome that reflects
25 the relative knowledge of the participants, or their skill at
26 physical reaction or physical manipulation, and has an outcome
27 that is determined predominantly by accumulated statistical
28 results of sporting events.

29 EXPLANATION

30 This bill concerns gambling on fantasy sports games by
31 individuals.

32 Code section 99B.12, which authorizes gambling between
33 individuals under limited circumstances, is amended to
34 specifically authorize fantasy sports games.

35 The bill defines a fantasy sports game as a game that

1 has an outcome that reflects the relative knowledge of the
2 participants that is determined predominantly by accumulated
3 statistical results of sporting events. The bill makes the
4 requirements for authorized gambling between individuals
5 applicable to gambling on fantasy sports games except for the
6 requirement that the gambling is incidental to a bona fide
7 social relationship between all participants, and the \$50 limit
8 on wins or losses from the game. Instead, the bill authorizes
9 wins or losses from a fantasy sports game of \$500.