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LEGISLATIVE BILL 544

Introduced by Conrad, 46.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Bingo Act; to amend sections
- 2 9-204 and 9-204.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 redefine terms relating to how bingo is played using technological
- 4 aids; and to repeal the original sections.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 9-204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 9-204 (1) Bingo shall mean that form of gambling in which:

4 (a) The winning numbers are determined by random selection from a
5 pool of seventy-five or ninety numbered designators; and

6 (b) A player marks ~~Players mark~~ by physically daubing or covering
7 or, automatically or manually with the aid of a bingo card monitoring
8 device, enters or otherwise conceals ~~concealing~~ those randomly selected
9 numbers which match on a bingo card that the player has ~~cards which they~~
10 ~~have~~ purchased or leased only at the time and place of the bingo
11 occasion.

12 (2) Bingo shall not mean or include:

13 (a) Any scheme which uses any mechanical gaming device, computer
14 gaming device, electronic gaming device, or video gaming device which has
15 the capability of awarding something of value, free games redeemable for
16 something of value, or tickets or stubs redeemable for something of
17 value;

18 (b) Any activity which is authorized or regulated under the Nebraska
19 County and City Lottery Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the
20 Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle
21 Act, the State Lottery Act, section 9-701, or Chapter 2, article 12; or

22 (c) Any activity which is prohibited under Chapter 28, article 11.

23 Sec. 2. Section 9-204.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
24 amended to read:

25 9-204.04 Bingo card monitoring device shall mean a technological aid
26 which allows a bingo player to automatically or manually enter bingo
27 numbers as they are announced at a bingo occasion and which enters ~~marks~~
28 or otherwise conceals those numbers on bingo cards which are
29 electronically stored in and displayed on the device. A bingo card
30 monitoring device shall not mean or include any device (1) into which
31 currency, coins, or tokens may be inserted or from which currency, coins,

1 tokens, or any receipt for monetary value can be dispensed or (2) which,
2 once provided to a bingo player, is capable of communicating with any
3 other bingo card monitoring device or any other form of electronic device
4 or computer, except that such device may communicate with its host
5 system.

6 Sec. 3. Original sections 9-204 and 9-204.04, Reissue Revised
7 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.