HOUSE BILL 1475

State of Washington 65th Legislature 2017 Regular Session

By Representatives Irwin, Goodman, Hayes, Ryu, Kilduff, Holy, Klippert, and Kirby; by request of Gambling Commission

1 AN ACT Relating to clarifying the limited authority of gambling 2 commission officers; and adding a new section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

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

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
to read as follows:

6 When physical injury to a person or substantial damage to 7 property occurs, or is about to occur, within the presence of an officer of the commission designated with police powers pursuant to 8 RCW 9.46.210, the designated officer is authorized to take such 9 action as is reasonably necessary to prevent physical injury to a 10 11 person or substantial damage to property or prevent further injury to 12 a person or further substantial damage to property. A designated 13 officer shall be immune from civil liability for damages arising out 14 of the action of the designated officer to prevent physical injury to a person or substantial damage to property or prevent further injury 15 16 to a person or further substantial damage to property, unless it is 17 shown that the designated officer acted with gross negligence or bad 18 faith.

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