

GAMBLING AMENDMENTS

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies the Criminal Code regarding gambling offenses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ includes the offense of "fringe gambling" as a criminal gambling offense; and
- ▶ provides definitions.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on April 1, 2010.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

76-10-1101, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1998, Chapter 127

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **76-10-1101** is amended to read:

76-10-1101. Definitions.

[~~For the purpose of~~] As used in this part:

- (1) (a) "Fringe gambling" means any gambling, lottery, or video gaming device which
- is:
- (i) given, conducted, or offered for use or sale by a business in exchange for anything of value; or

30 (ii) given away incident to the purchase of other goods or services.

31 (b) "Fringe gambling" does not include a gambling, lottery, video gaming device, or
32 other promotional activity which is clearly occasional and ancillary to the primary activity of
33 the business.

34 ~~[(+)]~~ (2) (a) "Gambling" means risking anything of value for a return or risking
35 anything of value upon the outcome of a contest, game, gaming scheme, or gaming device
36 when the return or outcome:

37 (i) is based upon an element of chance; and

38 (ii) is in accord with an agreement or understanding that someone will receive
39 something of value in the event of a certain outcome~~[-and gambling].~~

40 (b) "Gambling" includes a lottery~~[-gambling]~~ and fringe gambling.

41 (c) "Gambling" does not include:

42 ~~[(a)]~~ (i) ~~[A]~~ a lawful business transaction~~[-];~~ or

43 ~~[(b)]~~ (ii) playing an amusement device that confers only an immediate and unrecorded
44 right of replay not exchangeable for value.

45 ~~[(2)]~~ (3) "Gambling bet" means money, checks, credit, or any other representation of
46 value.

47 ~~[(3)]~~ (4) "Gambling device or record" means anything specifically designed for use in
48 gambling or used primarily for gambling.

49 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) "Gambling proceeds" means anything of value used in gambling.

50 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) "Lottery" means any scheme for the disposal or distribution of property by
51 chance among persons who have paid or promised to pay any valuable consideration for the
52 chance of obtaining property, or portion of it, or for any share or any interest in property, upon
53 any agreement, understanding, or expectation that it is to be distributed or disposed of by lot
54 or chance, whether called a lottery, raffle, or gift enterprise, or by whatever name it ~~[maybe]~~ is
55 known.

56 ~~[(6)]~~ (7) "Video gaming device" means any device that possesses all of the following
57 characteristics:

- 58 (a) a video display and computer mechanism for playing a game;
- 59 (b) the length of play of any single game is not substantially affected by the skill,
60 knowledge, or dexterity of the player;
- 61 (c) a meter, tracking, or recording mechanism that records or tracks any money,
62 tokens, games, or credits accumulated or remaining;
- 63 (d) a play option that permits a player to spend or risk varying amounts of money,
64 tokens, or credits during a single game, in which the spending or risking of a greater amount
65 of money, tokens, or credits:
 - 66 (i) does not significantly extend the length of play time of any single game; and
 - 67 (ii) provides for a chance of greater return of credits, games, or money; and
- 68 (e) an operating mechanism that requires inserting money, tokens, or other valuable
69 consideration in order to function.

70 **Section 2. Effective date.**

71 This bill takes effect on April 1, 2010.