

1998 PUBLIC AND LOCAL ACTS

[No. 338]

(HB 4799)

AN ACT to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, codify and add to the statutes relating to crimes; to define crimes and prescribe the penalties therefor; to provide for restitution under certain circumstances; to provide for the competency of evidence at the trial of persons accused of crime; to provide immunity from prosecution for certain witnesses appearing at such trials; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act," by amending section 310a (MCL 750.310a), as added by 1996 PA 539.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

750.310a Applicability of chapter; bowling game or bowling card game. [M.S.A. 28.542a]

Sec. 310a. (1) Subject to subsection (3), this chapter does not apply to a bowling game or a bowling card game conducted in a bowling center to which all of the following apply:

(a) The total amount of the participation fee per person per game does not exceed \$5.00.

(b) The total prize payout per league per game does not exceed \$1,000.00 and is comprised only of participation fees.

(2) This section applies only to a game that is sponsored solely by 1 league and whose participants are members of the same league.

(3) The bowling center in which the bowling game or bowling card game is conducted shall not receive a percentage of the participation fees or prize money from bowling games or bowling card games for which a stake or prize is awarded.

(4) As used in this section:

(a) "Bowling center" means a bowling alley with a minimum of 5 lanes.

(b) "Bowling card game" means a card game held in conjunction with a bowling game, the results of which depend on the outcome of the bowling game. Bowling card game does not include any of the following:

(i) A mechanical or electronic simulation of a bowling card game.

(ii) Roulette, beano, cards unless used in a bowling card game, dice, wheels of fortune, video poker, slot machines, or other similar games in which winning depends primarily upon fortuitous or accidental circumstances beyond the control of the player.

(iii) A game that includes a mechanical or physical device that directly or indirectly impairs or thwarts the skill of the player.

(c) "Bowling game" means not more than 3 sets of 10 frames of bowling. Bowling game does not include any of the following:

(i) A mechanical or electronic simulation of a bowling game.

(ii) Roulette, beano, cards unless used in a bowling card game, dice, wheels of fortune, video poker, slot machines, or other similar games in which winning depends primarily upon fortuitous or accidental circumstances beyond the control of the player.

(iii) A game that includes a mechanical or physical device that directly or indirectly impairs or thwarts the skill of the player.

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(d) "Participation fee" means a fee that is charged by the league to a participant in a game for which a stake or prize is awarded.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.

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