

HB0295/393320/1

BY: Ways and Means Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 295  
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, after line 14, insert:

“1. INVOLVES CONSIDERATION, CHANCE, AND REWARD;”;

in lines 15, 17, and 20, strike “1.”, “2.”, and “3.”, respectively, and substitute “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively; strike beginning with “PRIZE” in line 18 down through “EQUIVALENTS” in line 19 and substitute “REWARD”; and in line 28, strike “SOLELY AWARDS NONCASH PRIZES” and substitute “:

1. IS FREE TO PLAY OR PLAYED WHILE NOT CONNECTED TO THE INTERNET; AND

2. DOES NOT INVOLVE CONSIDERATION, CHANCE, AND REWARD”.

On page 3, after line 3, insert:

“(5) “REWARD” MEANS ANY AWARD, CASH, CASH EQUIVALENT, PRIZE, OR AN ITEM CONVERTIBLE TO CASH THAT A PLAYER MAY RECEIVE FROM PLAYING AN INTERACTIVE GAME.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION IS TO CLARIFY THAT THE COMMISSION’S AUTHORITY TO MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER GAMING IS LEGAL IN THE STATE UNDER § 12–113 OF THIS SUBTITLE EXTENDS TO

GAMES AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET OR ACCESSIBLE ON A MOBILE PHONE, COMPUTER TERMINAL, OR SIMILAR DEVICE.”;

in lines 4 and 12, strike “(B)” and “(C)”, respectively, and substitute “(C)” and “(D)”, respectively; in line 12, after “WHO” insert “KNOWINGLY”; in line 16, after “(2)” insert “A PERSON IS KNOWINGLY VIOLATING THIS SECTION IF:

(I) THE COMMISSION ISSUED A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE TO THE PERSON AND PUBLISHED THE NOTICE ON THE COMMISSION’S WEBSITE; OR

(II) AN APPLICANT FOR OR A PERSON HOLDING A LICENSE CONTINUES A BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH A PERSON TO WHOM THE COMMISSION ISSUED A WRITTEN OR ELECTRONIC CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE THAT IS PUBLISHED ON THE COMMISSION’S WEBSITE.

(3)”;

and after line 18, insert:

“(4) A FINE IMPOSED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE PROBLEM GAMBLING FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 9-1A-33 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.”.