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**SENIOR CARD GAMES**

**House Bill 4809**  
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**Committee: State Affairs**

**Complete to 4-12-94**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4809 AS INTRODUCED 5-25-93**

The Michigan Penal Code currently prohibits playing or betting on cards for money, or anything of value, by making it a misdemeanor. House Bill 4809 would amend the code to allow recreational card playing by a senior citizens club or a group of residents of a senior citizen housing facility under certain conditions. The group would have to have at least 15 members who were at least 60 years old, and the card playing would have to be solely for amusement purposes and not a fund-raising activity; conducted between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and midnight; and open only to members and employees of the club or group. Further, the players could bet no more than 25 cents per bet, with total winnings per hand of no more than \$5. Except for the winnings, no person could be compensated for participating in the card playing. However, reasonable expenses incurred while conducting the card games could be reimbursed by the card playing revenue.

MCL 750.301 et al.

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