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## GAMING EXEMPTION

House Bill 5176  
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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5176 AS INTRODUCED 9-28-95

Under the Michigan Penal Code, maintaining a gaming room or table, game of skill or chance, or game that combines skill and chance is prohibited. However, the law exempts "crane games" from this prohibition. A crane game is defined as "an amusement machine" that is operated through inserting a coin and then maneuvering a mechanical claw over a prize, toy, or novelty having a wholesale value of less than \$3.75. House Bill 5176 would add "edible item" to the items that a crane game could dispense.

In addition, the code requires that a crane game owner obtain certain crane game licenses and certificates from the Bureau of State Lottery. The code exempts crane games that are more than 25 years old and used for demonstration and display purposes only from this requirement. The bill would add an exemption for crane games that dispense candy or other edible items each time the game is operated.

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