

SENATE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4799

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending section 310a (MCL 750.310a), as added by 1996 PA  
539.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1       Sec. 310a. (1) Subject to subsection (3), ~~and except as~~  
2 ~~otherwise provided in subsection (2),~~ this chapter does not  
3 apply to a BOWLING GAME OR A bowling CARD game conducted in a  
4 bowling center to which all of the following apply:

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

7       (b) The total prize payout per league per game does not  
8 exceed \$1,000.00 AND IS COMPRISED ONLY OF PARTICIPATION FEES.

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

4       (3) The bowling center in which the bowling game OR BOWLING  
5 CARD GAME is conducted shall not receive a percentage of the par-  
6 ticipation fees or prize money from bowling games OR BOWLING CARD  
7 GAMES for which a stake or prize is awarded.

8       (4) As used in this section:

9       (a) "Bowling center" means a bowling alley with a minimum of  
10 5 lanes.

11       (B) "BOWLING CARD GAME" MEANS A CARD GAME HELD IN CONJUNC-  
12 TION WITH A BOWLING GAME, THE RESULTS OF WHICH DEPEND ON THE OUT-  
13 COME OF THE BOWLING GAME. BOWLING CARD GAME DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY  
14 OF THE FOLLOWING:

15       (i) A MECHANICAL OR ELECTRONIC SIMULATION OF A BOWLING CARD  
16 GAME.

17       (ii) ROULETTE, BEANO, CARDS UNLESS USED IN A BOWLING CARD  
18 GAME, DICE, WHEELS OF FORTUNE, VIDEO POKER, SLOT MACHINES, OR  
19 OTHER SIMILAR GAMES IN WHICH WINNING DEPENDS PRIMARILY UPON FOR-  
20 TUITOUS OR ACCIDENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE  
21 PLAYER.

22       (iii) A GAME THAT INCLUDES A MECHANICAL OR PHYSICAL DEVICE  
23 THAT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY IMPAIRS OR THWARTS THE SKILL OF THE  
24 PLAYER.

25       (C) ~~-(b)-~~ "Bowling game" means not more than 3 sets of 10  
26 frames of bowling. Bowling game does not include any of the  
27 following:

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

3       (ii) Roulette, beano, cards UNLESS USED IN A BOWLING CARD  
4 GAME, dice, wheels of fortune, video poker, slot machines, or  
5 other similar games in which winning depends primarily upon for-  
6 tuitous or accidental circumstances beyond the control of the  
7 player.

8       (iii) A game ~~which~~ THAT includes a mechanical or physical  
9 device ~~which~~ THAT directly or indirectly impairs or thwarts the  
10 skill of the player.

11       (D) ~~(c)~~ "Participation fee" means a fee that is charged by  
12 the league to a participant in a game for which a stake or prize  
13 is awarded.