

Legislative Analysis



SOCIAL MEDIA INTERNET GAMES

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Senate Bill 202 as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Jack Brandenburg

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

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SUMMARY:

The bill adds a new section to Chapter XLIV of the Michigan Penal Code, entitled "Gambling," to specify that the Chapter does not prohibit a social media Internet game from rewarding a player with either a free play or an extended period of playing time as a result of chance or uncertain event.

"Social media Internet game" is defined in the bill to mean a game offered over the Internet or on a telephone or other mobile device. The term would not include fantasy sports.

MCL 750.310c, proposed

FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in process.

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