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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Gambling-definitions.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to gambling; defining bona fide social
2 relationship; providing an exception to the requirement for
3 bona fide social relationships for wagers in card games;
4 and providing for an effective date.

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6 ***** Staff note: These are alternative descriptions**
7 **depending on what the committee decides. *****

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 6-7-101(a)(iii) by creating a new
12 subparagraph (E) and by creating a new paragraph (xiii) is
13 amended to read:

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6-7-101. Definitions.

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(a) As used in this article:

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(iii) "Gambling" means risking any property for gain contingent in whole or in part upon lot, chance, the operation of a gambling device or the happening or outcome of an event, including a sporting event, over which the person taking a risk has no control, but does not include:

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(I) Any wager in a card game, whether or not incidental to a bona fide social relationship, which is participated in by natural persons only, and in which no person is participating, directly or indirectly, in professional gambling.

1 (xiii) "Bona fide social relationship" means a
2 relationship based on any common interest other than solely
3 the participation in the game, wager or transaction in
4 which the parties are engaged.

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6 ***** Staff note: The first option (in subparagraph**
7 **(I)) would remove the requirement for a social relationship**
8 **for card games. It would still require that the**
9 **establishment take no portion of the winnings. The second**
10 **option (in paragraph (xiii)) would provide a definition for**
11 **bona fide social relationship in line with the Colorado**
12 **case law. Attached please find a short description of the**
13 **cases that have interpreted this language. *****

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15 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2011.

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