

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 6430

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing social card game provisions.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Schow and Spanel).

**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade**

**House Committee on Commerce & Labor**

**House Committee on Appropriations**

**Background:** Under current law, taverns, restaurants, and other businesses primarily engaged in selling food or drink may be licensed to conduct social card games. Nonprofit and charitable organizations are also allowed to conduct social card games.

Licensees may not operate more than five separate card tables at an establishment. House banked card games (such as blackjack) and player supported prize contests (such as jackpot poker) associated with card games are currently prohibited by state law.

Licensees are permitted to charge players an hourly sitting fee, currently set at a maximum of \$6 per hour, per player or a tournament entry fee not to exceed \$50. Licensees are prohibited from collecting any additional fee from the players.

**Summary:** A card room licensee may be allowed by the Gambling Commission to operate up to 15 separate card tables at an establishment. In addition, licensees are authorized to act as custodian of player supported prize contests associated with card games.

Licensees are authorized to collect a fee, including a percentage of a winner's prize, from card players.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	30	14	
House	78	13	(House amended)
Senate			(Senate refused to concur)
House	83	15	(House receded)

**Effective:** June 6, 1996