
HOUSE BILL 1824

State of Washington

63rd Legislature

2013 Regular Session

By Representatives Harris, Appleton, Upthegrove, Hunter, Reykdal, Vick, Stonier, and Fitzgibbon

Read first time 02/11/13. Referred to Committee on Government Accountability & Oversight.

1 AN ACT Relating to reducing the penalty for a person conducting
2 unlawful internet gambling in his or her primary residence for
3 recreational purposes; amending RCW 9.46.240; and prescribing
4 penalties.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 9.46.240 and 2006 c 290 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 (1) Whoever knowingly transmits or receives gambling information by
9 telephone, telegraph, radio, semaphore, the internet, a
10 telecommunications transmission system, or similar means, or knowingly
11 installs or maintains equipment for the transmission or receipt of
12 gambling information ((shall be)), other than a person described in
13 subsection (2) of this section, is guilty of a class C felony subject
14 to the penalty set forth in RCW 9A.20.021. ((However,))

15 (2) Whoever knowingly transmits or receives gambling information
16 over the internet or knowingly installs or maintains equipment for the
17 transmission or receipt of gambling information over the internet, in
18 his or her primary residence for recreational purposes, commits a class
19 3 civil infraction under chapter 7.80 RCW. For purposes of this

1 subsection, "recreational purposes" means solely for the defendant's
2 own enjoyment and not as part of an enterprise that derives income from
3 operating an internet web site that transmits or receives gambling
4 information.

5 (3) This section (~~shall~~) does not apply to such information
6 transmitted or received or equipment installed or maintained relating
7 to activities authorized by this chapter or to any act or acts in
8 furtherance thereof when conducted in compliance with the provisions of
9 this chapter and in accordance with the rules adopted under this
10 chapter.

--- END ---