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H. F. No. **2176**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to lawful gaming; providing that electronic pull-tab devices, games, and
1.3 systems are not subject to changes in rule unless authorized by the legislature;
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 349.151, subdivision 4d; 349.1721,
1.5 subdivisions 1, 2.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 349.151, subdivision 4d, is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 4d. **Electronic pull-tab devices and electronic pull-tab game system.** (a) The
1.9 board may adopt rules it deems necessary to ensure the integrity of electronic pull-tab
1.10 devices, the electronic pull-tab games played on the devices, and the electronic pull-tab
1.11 game system necessary to operate them.

1.12 (b) The board may not require an organization to use electronic pull-tab devices.

1.13 (c) Before authorizing the lease or sale of electronic pull-tab devices and the electronic
1.14 pull-tab game system, the board shall examine electronic pull-tab devices allowed under
1.15 section 349.12, subdivision 12b. The board may contract for the examination of the game
1.16 system and electronic pull-tab devices and may require a working model to be transported
1.17 to locations the board designates for testing, examination, and analysis. The manufacturer
1.18 must pay all costs of any testing, examination, analysis, and transportation of the model.
1.19 The system must be approved by the board before its use in the state and must have the
1.20 capability to permit the board to electronically monitor its operation and internal accounting
1.21 systems.

1.22 (d) The board may require a manufacturer to submit a certificate from an independent
1.23 testing laboratory approved by the board to perform testing services, stating that the

2.1 equipment has been tested, analyzed, and meets the standards required in this chapter and
 2.2 any applicable board rules.

2.3 (e) The board, or the director if authorized by the board, may require the deactivation
 2.4 of an electronic pull-tab device for violation of a law or rule and to implement any other
 2.5 controls deemed necessary to ensure and maintain the integrity of electronic pull-tab devices
 2.6 and the electronic pull-tab games played on the devices.

2.7 (f) The board may not deactivate or prohibit the use, lease, or sale of an authorized or
 2.8 approved electronic pull-tab device, electronic pull-tab game, or electronic pull-tab game
 2.9 system provided the electronic pull-tab device, electronic pull-tab game, or electronic pull-tab
 2.10 game system continues to meet the standards required in this chapter and any applicable
 2.11 board rules that were in effect at the time of approval or authorization unless the legislature,
 2.12 by law, requires that an electronic pull-tab device, electronic pull-tab game, or electronic
 2.13 pull-tab game system comply with rules adopted after the date of approval or authorization.

2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 349.1721, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.16 Subdivision 1. **Cumulative or carryover games.** The board shall by rule permit pull-tab
 2.17 games with multiple seals. The board shall also adopt rules for pull-tab games with
 2.18 cumulative or carryover prizes. The rules shall also apply to electronic pull-tab games.
 2.19 Electronic pull-tab games are subject to the rules in effect at the time the electronic pull-tab
 2.20 game was approved or authorized unless the legislature, by law, requires that an electronic
 2.21 pull-tab game comply with rules adopted after the date of approval or authorization.

2.22 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.23 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 349.1721, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

2.24 Subd. 2. **Event games.** The board shall by rule permit pull-tab games in which certain
 2.25 winners are determined by the random selection of one or more bingo numbers or by another
 2.26 method approved by the board. The rules shall also apply to electronic pull-tab games.
 2.27 Electronic pull-tab games are subject to the rules in effect at the time the electronic pull-tab
 2.28 game was approved or authorized unless the legislature, by law, requires that an electronic
 2.29 pull-tab game comply with rules adopted after the date of approval or authorization.

2.30 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.