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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to gambling on excursion boats and at racetracks,
2 by eliminating the ongoing reauthorization requirement of a
3 referendum permitting gambling games and the cruise
4 requirement for excursion gambling boats.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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SF 74 STATE GOVERNMENT

1 Section 1. Section 99F.4, subsection 17, Code 2003, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 17. To define the excursion season ~~and the duration of an~~
4 ~~excursion~~. While an excursion gambling boat is docked,
5 passengers may embark or disembark at any time during its
6 business hours. The commission shall not have the authority
7 to require that an excursion gambling boat leave the dock and
8 cruise in order to operate gambling games on the boat.

9 Sec. 2. Section 99F.7, subsection 10, paragraph d, Code
10 2003, is amended by striking the paragraph.

11 EXPLANATION

12 This bill amends Code section 99F.4, relating to the powers
13 of the racing and gaming commission, to eliminate the
14 authority of the racing and gaming commission to provide for
15 the duration of an excursion on an excursion gambling boat.
16 In addition, the bill provides that the commission shall not
17 have the authority to require that an excursion gambling boat
18 cruise in order to operate gambling games.

19 The bill eliminates the requirement that the proposition to
20 operate gambling games on an excursion boat or racetrack must
21 be resubmitted to the county electorate for a vote every eight
22 years beginning in 2002 once that county has authorized the
23 operation of the gambling games by vote. The requirement that
24 the county vote on the initial determination of whether to
25 authorize gambling games in the county is not amended by this
26 bill.

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