

725.7 Gaming and betting — penalty.

1. Except as permitted in [chapters 99B](#) and [99D](#), a person shall not do any of the following:
 - a. Participate in a game for any sum of money or other property of any value.
 - b. Make any bet.
 - c. For a fee, directly or indirectly, give or accept anything of value to be wagered or to be transmitted or delivered for a wager to be placed within or without the state of Iowa.
 - d. For a fee, deliver anything of value which has been received outside the enclosure of a racetrack licensed under [chapter 99D](#) to be placed as wagers in the pari-mutuel pool or other authorized systems of wagering.
 - e. Engage in bookmaking, except as permitted in [chapters 99E](#) and [99F](#).
2. A person who violates [this section](#) is guilty of the following:
 - a. Illegal gaming in the fourth degree if the sum of money or value of other property involved does not exceed one hundred dollars. Illegal gaming in the fourth degree constitutes the following:
 - (1) A serious misdemeanor for a first offense.
 - (2) An aggravated misdemeanor for a second offense.
 - (3) A class “D” felony for a third offense.
 - (4) A class “C” felony for a fourth or subsequent offense.
 - b. Illegal gaming in the third degree if the sum of money or value of other property involved exceeds one hundred dollars but does not exceed five hundred dollars. Illegal gaming in the third degree constitutes the following:
 - (1) An aggravated misdemeanor for a first offense.
 - (2) A class “D” felony for a second offense.
 - (3) A class “C” felony for a third or subsequent offense.
 - c. Illegal gaming in the second degree if the sum of money or value of other property involved exceeds five hundred dollars but does not exceed five thousand dollars. Illegal gaming in the second degree constitutes the following:
 - (1) A class “D” felony for a first offense.
 - (2) A class “C” felony for a second or subsequent offense.
 - d. Illegal gaming in the first degree if the sum of money or value of other property involved exceeds five thousand dollars. Illegal gaming in the first degree constitutes a class “C” felony.

[C51, §2723; R60, §4365; C73, §4028; C97, §4964; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, §13202; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, §726.3; C79, 81, §725.7]

[83 Acts, ch 187, §34](#); [89 Acts, ch 296, §88](#); [2019 Acts, ch 132, §40, 45, 46](#)
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