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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act prohibiting the use of the internet for the purpose of  
2 conducting or participating in a lottery, bookmaking, or  
3 gaming, or for a related gambling purpose, and subjecting  
4 violators to existing penalties.

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

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1 Section 1. Section 725.7, Code 2001, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. Except as authorized in chapters 99B,  
4 99D, and 99E, a person shall not use the internet to conduct  
5 or participate in a lottery or to do any act prohibited under  
6 subsection 1.

7 EXPLANATION

8 This bill prohibits a person from using the internet to  
9 conduct or participate in a lottery or in a game for any sum  
10 to of money or property, to make a bet, to engage in  
11 bookmaking, or to deliver a wager for a fee. There are four  
12 degrees or levels of penalties for engaging in illegal gaming,  
13 ranging from a serious misdemeanor for a first offense if the  
14 sum of money or the value of property involved is less than  
15 \$100, to a class "C" felony if the sum of money or value of  
16 property involved exceeds \$5,000. A serious misdemeanor is  
17 punishable by a fine of at least \$250 but not more than \$1,500  
18 and the court may order imprisonment not to exceed one year.  
19 A class "C" felony is punishable by imprisonment for no more  
20 than 10 years and, in addition, the court may impose a fine of  
21 at least \$500 but not more than \$10,000.

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