## House File 360 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE 360 BY COWNIE

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act eliminating the referendum requirement for the licensing
- 2 of gambling games.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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Section 1. Section 99F.4A, subsection 8, paragraph a, Code 1 2 2011, is amended to read as follows: The commission shall, upon the immediate payment 4 of the applicable table games license fee and submission 5 to the commission by June 1, 2005, of an application by a 6 licensee of a pari-mutuel dog or horse racetrack licensed to 7 conduct gambling games at a pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure, 8 issue a license to the licensee to conduct table games of 9 chance, including video machines that simulate table games 10 of chance, at the pari-mutuel racetrack enclosure subject to 11 the requirements of this subsection. However, a table games 12 license may only be issued to a licensee required to pay a 13 table games license fee of three million dollars under this 14 subsection if the licensee, and all other licensees of an 15 excursion gambling boat in that county, file an agreement 16 with the commission authorizing the granting of a table games 17 license under this subsection and permitting all licensees 18 of an excursion gambling boat to operate a moored barge as 19 of a specific date. The licensee shall be granted a table 20 games license by the commission without conducting a separate 21 referendum authorizing table games upon payment of the 22 applicable license fee to the commission which table games 23 license fee may be offset by the licensee against taxes imposed 24 on the licensee by section 99F.11, to the extent of twenty 25 percent of the table games license fee paid pursuant to this 26 subsection for each of five consecutive fiscal years beginning 27 with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008. Fees paid 28 pursuant to this subsection are not refundable to the licensee. 29 A licensee shall not be required to pay a fee to renew a table 30 games license issued pursuant to this subsection. Moneys 31 collected by the commission from a table games license fee paid 32 under this subsection shall be deposited in the rebuild Iowa 33 infrastructure fund created in section 8.57. 34 Sec. 2. Section 99F.7, subsection 11, Code 2011, is amended

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35 by striking the subsection.

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- 1 Sec. 3. Section 99F.7, subsection 15, Code 2011, is amended
- 2 to read as follows:
- 3 15. If a licensed excursion boat stops at more than one
- 4 harbor and travels past a county without stopping at any port
- 5 in that county, the commission shall require the excursion boat
- 6 operator to develop a schedule for ports of call in which a
- 7 county referendum has been approved, and the port of call has
- 8 that have the necessary facilities to handle the boat. The
- 9 commission may limit the schedule to only one port of call per
- 10 county.
- 11 EXPLANATION
- 12 This bill eliminates the requirement that makes the issuance
- 13 or denial of a gambling license contingent upon the success
- 14 or failure of a referendum. The bill also makes additional
- 15 conforming amendments.