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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for the issuance of licenses to conduct
2 gambling games at a gambling structure in which smoking is
3 prohibited.

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

1 Section 1. GAMBLING GAMES LICENSE ISSUANCE — TERMS AND
2 CONDITIONS. The racing and gaming commission shall establish
3 a process for the purpose of granting up to two licenses to
4 conduct gambling games on a gambling structure pursuant to
5 the requirements of this section and chapter 99F by December
6 1, 2015. Applications for a license under this section
7 shall be submitted by August 1, 2015, and shall be limited to
8 applications from proposed licensees for which the gambling
9 structure on which gambling games are to be conducted shall
10 be located in a county in which the governing body of the
11 county has adopted a resolution approving the submission of
12 the application. A license to conduct gambling games issued
13 pursuant to this section shall provide that the premises of the
14 licensee, including the gaming floor, shall, notwithstanding
15 any provision of law to the contrary, be subject to the smoking
16 prohibition requirements of section 142D.3.

17 Sec. 2. RACING AND GAMING COMMISSION REPORTS — IMPACT OF
18 SMOKE-FREE CASINO LICENSURE. The racing and gaming commission,
19 commencing with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and
20 ending with the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, shall
21 submit an annual report by January 1 of the year following each
22 applicable fiscal year, to the general assembly concerning
23 the financial, business, and market impact of issuing up to
24 two additional gambling games licenses as provided in this
25 Act for that fiscal year. The final report, to be issued by
26 January 1, 2021, shall include a summary assessment, including
27 any recommendations, concerning the financial, business, and
28 market impact of granting additional gambling games licenses
29 as provided in this Act.

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EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill requires the racing and gaming commission to
34 establish a process for the purpose of granting up to two
35 licenses to conduct gambling games at a gambling structure

1 that is subject to the smoking prohibition requirements of
2 Code section 142D.3, by December 1, 2015. Applications for
3 a license subject to the requirements of the bill shall be
4 submitted by August 1, 2015, and shall be limited to proposed
5 licensees that will locate the gambling structure in a county
6 that has adopted a resolution approving the submission of an
7 application for a gambling games license.

8 The bill also requires the racing and gaming commission to
9 issue an annual report, commencing with the fiscal year July
10 1, 2015, and ending with the fiscal year beginning July 1,
11 2019, concerning the financial, business, and market impact of
12 issuing the additional licenses as provided by the bill. The
13 bill requires that the last annual report include a summary
14 assessment, including any recommendations, concerning the
15 financial, business, and market impact of granting additional
16 gambling game licenses as provided by the bill.