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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to games of queen of hearts conducted by licensed
2 qualified organizations, and making penalties applicable.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 99B.1, subsection 20, Code 2026, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 20. "Game of chance" means a game whereby the result is
4 determined by chance and the player in order to win completes
5 activities, such as aligning objects or balls in a prescribed
6 pattern or order or makes certain color patterns appear. "Game
7 of chance" specifically includes but is not limited to bingo
8 and queen of hearts. "Game of chance" does not include a slot
9 machine or amusement device.

10 Sec. 2. Section 99B.1, Code 2026, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 29A. "Queen of hearts" means a game, whether
13 known as queen of hearts or any other name, which is played
14 over multiple rounds and in which each participant enters a
15 raffle for the chance to choose a concealed card from among
16 the fifty-four cards in a standard deck of playing cards. The
17 winner of the raffle may also be awarded a cash prize. If a
18 participant chooses the card previously designated as the winning
19 card, the participant receives the jackpot and the game ends.
20 If a participant does not choose the card previously designated
21 as the winning card, the participant may receive a cash prize,
22 and a new raffle for the chance to choose a card commences.
23 The standard deck of playing cards is not replenished between
24 raffles.

25 Sec. 3. Section 99B.13, subsection 4, paragraphs a and c,
26 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

27 a. A Except as otherwise provided in section 99B.28, a
28 gambling activity shall not be operated on a build-up or pyramid
29 basis.

30 c. Concealed numbers or conversion charts shall not be used
31 in conducting any gambling activity except as part of a game of
32 queen of hearts conducted pursuant to section 99B.28.

33 Sec. 4. Section 99B.15, subsection 1, paragraphs a and d,
34 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

35 a. (1) Only merchandise prizes whose value does not exceed

1 ten thousand dollars may be awarded for games of skill and games
2 of chance. If a prize consists of more than one item, unit, or
3 part, the aggregate value of all items, units, or parts shall not
4 exceed ten thousand dollars.

5 (2) Notwithstanding subparagraph (1), a chance to select a
6 card may be awarded as a prize for a raffle that is part of a
7 game of queen of hearts.

8 d. A cash prize may only be awarded in bingo, queen of
9 hearts, and raffles.

10 Sec. 5. Section 99B.24, subsection 1, paragraphs a, c, and d,
11 Code 2026, are amended to read as follows:

12 a. The winner of a raffle shall not be required to be present
13 to win, except that the winner of a raffle that is part of a game
14 of queen of hearts may be required to be present to win.

15 c. (1) A cash or merchandise prize may be awarded in a
16 raffle. If a merchandise prize is awarded, the actual retail
17 value of the prize, or if the prize consists of more than one
18 item, unit, or part, the aggregate retail value of all items,
19 units, or parts, shall not exceed the maximum value allowed for
20 that raffle.

21 (2) A chance to select a card may be awarded as a prize for a
22 raffle that is part of a game of queen of hearts.

23 d. Calendar raffles and build-up or pyramid raffles are
24 prohibited except as part of a game of queen of hearts conducted
25 pursuant to section 99B.28.

26 Sec. 6. NEW SECTION. **99B.28 Queen of hearts.**

27 1. A licensed qualified organization may conduct queen of
28 hearts as permitted by the applicable license and in accordance
29 with the requirements of this section.

30 2. a. A cash prize may be awarded to the winner of a raffle
31 conducted as part of a game of queen of hearts, regardless of
32 whether the participant chooses a winning card.

33 b. A cash prize may be awarded to a person who picks a card
34 other than the winning card.

35 c. A cash prize may be awarded as the jackpot for queen of

1 hearts.

2 d. A cash prize awarded for any part of a game of queen of
3 hearts shall not exceed ten thousand dollars.

4 3. Queen of hearts may be conducted on a build-up or pyramid
5 basis.

6 4. A licensed qualified organization may require a
7 participant to be present to win a raffle that is part of a game
8 of queen of hearts, or may allow a participant to choose a card
9 in advance if the participant is not present for the raffle.

10 5. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A
11 to administer this section.

12 EXPLANATION

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

15 This bill relates to the conduct of the game of queen of
16 hearts by a licensed qualified organization. The bill allows
17 a licensed qualified organization to conduct queen of hearts,
18 defined in the bill as a game in which participants enter a
19 raffle for the chance to win a cash jackpot by choosing a card
20 previously designated as the winning card. If the winning card
21 is not chosen, the game continues with a new raffle. The bill
22 also allows a licensed qualified organization to award cash
23 prizes to participants who win the raffle but do not select
24 the winning card. The bill includes queen of hearts in the
25 definition of "game of chance".

26 The bill allows queen of hearts to be conducted on a build-up
27 or pyramid basis and to use concealed cards. A cash prize
28 awarded as part of a game of queen of hearts shall not exceed
29 \$10,000 and a licensed qualified organization may require a
30 participant to be present to win the raffle portion of a game
31 of queen of hearts or may allow a participant to choose a card
32 in advance. The bill requires the department of inspections,
33 appeals, and licensing to adopt rules to administer the bill.

34 By operation of law, a person who knowingly violates a
35 provision of the bill or rules adopted to administer the bill

1 is guilty of a serious misdemeanor. A serious misdemeanor is
2 punishable by confinement for no more than one year and a fine
3 of at least \$430 but not more than \$2,560. A violation may
4 also result in denial, suspension, or revocation of the person's
5 license.

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