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SENATE FILE 166
BY COMMITTEE ON STATE
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1068)

(As Amended and Passed by the Senate March 12, 2015)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to fantasy sports contests.

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

1 Section 1. Section 99B.11, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *f.* A fantasy or simulation sports contest
4 in which all prizes and awards offered to winning participants
5 are established and made known to the participants in advance
6 of the contest and the value of the prizes or awards is not
7 determined by the number of participants or the amount of
8 any fees paid by the participants. All winning outcomes in
9 such contest shall reflect the relative knowledge and skill
10 of the participants and shall be determined predominantly
11 by accumulated statistical results of the performance of
12 individuals, including athletes in the case of sports events,
13 in multiple actual sporting events, and no winning outcome
14 shall be based on the score, point spread, or any performance
15 or performances of any single actual team or combination of
16 such teams or solely on any single performance of an individual
17 athlete in any single actual sporting event. For purposes
18 of this paragraph, "athlete" does not include an athlete
19 participating in any extracurricular interscholastic athletic
20 contest or competition which is sponsored or administered by an
21 organization as defined in section 280.13.

22 Sec. 2. FANTASY OR SIMULATION SPORTS CONTEST STUDY.

23 1. The department of inspections and appeals shall,
24 beginning no earlier than July 1, 2016, conduct a study
25 concerning the impact of defining a fantasy or simulation
26 sports contest as a bona fide contest as provided in this
27 Act. The department shall solicit input concerning the
28 impact of this Act from licensees regulated by the racing
29 and gaming commission, individuals involved in gambling
30 treatment programs, fantasy sports contest providers, and other
31 interested stakeholders. Input received by the department
32 shall be included in the study.

33 2. The department shall submit a report, including any
34 findings and recommendations, to the general assembly by
35 December 1, 2016.