

Electrical and Mechanical Amusement Devices House File 594

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**House Appropriations
Committee**
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Executive Summary Only

An Act relating to the registration of electrical and mechanical amusement devices and the registration of manufacturers and distributors thereof, making penalties applicable, and providing an effective date.



**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL BUREAU
NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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ELECTRICAL AND MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES**

LICENSURE OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES

- Requires licensure of all electrical and mechanical amusement devices where the outcome is not primarily based on skill. Allows no more than four devices at any single location or premise. Requires an annual fee of \$25 for each device.

AWARDS FOR WINNING

- Requires that awards given for use of the devices can only be redeemed on the premises where the devices are located and only for merchandise sold in the normal course of business for the premises.

REVOLVING FUND

- Requires fees generated from the licensing of the amusement devices be deposited in a special fund and appropriated to the Departments of Inspections and Appeals (DIA) and Public Safety (DPS) for administration and enforcement purposes.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT

- Requires manufacturers, manufacturer's representatives, and distributors of amusement devices to register with the DIA.

GAMBLING PENALTY

- Reduces the penalty for violations of the provisions of Section 99B.10, Code of Iowa, from a Class D felony to a simple misdemeanor.

EFFECTIVE DATE

- Specifies the Bill is effective upon enactment.

FISCAL IMPACT

- The Departments estimate there are between 10,000 and 18,000 of these devices in Iowa. The amount of fees generated would be between \$250,000 and \$450,000. The increased costs for DIA would be \$72,000 for FY 2004 and \$45,000 for FY 2005 and includes 1.0 FTE position for a typist to handle the registrations. The increased costs for DPS would be \$177,000 for FY 2004 and \$144,000 for FY 2005 and includes 2.0 FTE positions for Special Agents.