CHAPTER 44

PROHIBITED GAMBLING GAME ACTIVITIES

H.F. 146

AN ACT concerning gambling game prohibited activities and making penalties applicable.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 99F.15, subsection 4, paragraph d, Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:

d. Cheats at a gambling game, including but not limited to committing any act which alters the outcome of the game.

Sec. 2. Section 99F.15, subsection 4, paragraph h, Code 2015, is amended by striking the paragraph.

Sec. 3. Section 99F.15, Code 2015, is amended by adding the following new subsection: <u>NEW SUBSECTION</u>. 5A. *a*. A person who places, removes, increases, or decreases a bet after acquiring knowledge of the outcome of the gambling game which is the subject of the bet or to aid a person in acquiring the knowledge for the purpose of placing, removing, increasing, or decreasing a bet contingent on that outcome commits the offense of unlawful betting.

b. (1) A person is guilty of a class "D" felony if the person commits the offense of unlawful betting where the potential winnings from the bet exceed one thousand dollars in value.

(2) A person is guilty of an aggravated misdemeanor if the person commits the offense of unlawful betting where the potential winnings from the bet exceed five hundred dollars in value but do not exceed one thousand dollars in value.

(3) A person is guilty of a serious misdemeanor if the person commits the offense of unlawful betting where the potential winnings from the bet exceed two hundred dollars in value but do not exceed five hundred dollars in value.

(4) A person is guilty of a simple misdemeanor if the person commits the offense of unlawful betting where the potential winnings from the bet do not exceed two hundred dollars in value.

c. Two convictions of the offense of unlawful betting as provided in this subsection shall result in the person being barred for life from excursion gambling boats and gambling structures under the jurisdiction of the commission.

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