

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 209
2 INTRODUCED BY R. MARSHALL
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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE LIMIT ON PRIZES FOR INDIVIDUAL LIVE CARD
5 GAMES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 23-5-312 AND 23-5-710, MCA."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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9 Section 1. Section 23-5-312, MCA, is amended to read:

10 "**23-5-312. Prizes not to exceed \$800** Payment of prizes -- exception -- taxes on certain

11 winnings. ~~(1)~~(1) A prize for an individual live card game may not exceed the value of \$800. Games may not be
12 combined in any manner so as to increase the value of the ultimate prize awarded. There is no value limit on
13 prizes for individual live card games. Except during a tournament conducted under 23-5-317, all prizes must be
14 awarded immediately ~~upon~~on completion of each hand.

15 ~~(2) If a licensed operator conducts a promotional game of chance involving a live card game, the prize~~
16 ~~limit provided for in subsection (1) applies to prizes awarded as a result of the promotional game of chance.~~

17 (2) For games in which a prize for an individual live card game exceeds the value of \$800, the
18 licensed live card game operator shall pay to the department a tax of 15% of the winnings. The department may
19 use the collected taxes to support gambling disorder treatment, including but not limited to public outreach and
20 education."
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22 Section 2. Section 23-5-710, MCA, is amended to read:

23 "**23-5-710. Requirements for conducting casino nights.** A nonprofit organization that has obtained
24 a permit under 23-5-706 shall conduct a casino night in compliance with the following conditions:

25 (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b), a casino night may not last more than 12
26 consecutive hours.

27 (b) A casino night may be split into two separate, 6-consecutive hour sessions that may not be