

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

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1 held on the same day but must be held in the same calendar year.

2 (2) The casino night must be managed and operated only by members of the nonprofit  
3 organization that was issued the permit under 23-5-706. The members may not be compensated for their  
4 services.

5 (3) Only merchandise or cash may be awarded as prizes.

6 (4) Proceeds derived from the casino night, after payment of reasonable administrative expenses,  
7 may be used only for a civic, charitable, or educational purpose, and administrative expenses may not exceed  
8 50% of the proceeds.

9 (5) If cash prizes are awarded, the prizes for bingo and keno may not exceed the prize limits  
10 established in 23-5-412. Live card games must be limited to those authorized in 23-5-311, and the prizes may  
11 ~~not exceed the prize amount established in~~ are subject to 23-5-312.

12 (6) A casino night may not include a card game tournament provided for in 23-5-317."

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