

HOUSE BILL NO.

Introduced by

Representative Kasper

1 A BILL for an Act to provide for the licensing and regulating of live poker.

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

3 **SECTION 1. Definitions.** As used in this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

4 1. "Adjusted gross proceeds" means any sums wagered in a poker hand which may
5 be retained by the licensed poker establishment as compensation and which must
6 be consistent with the minimum and maximum amount established by the attorney
7 general.

8 2. "Bet" means an amount placed as a wager in a hand of poker.

9 3. "Licensed poker establishment" means any promises licensed by the attorney
10 general pursuant to this Act to conduct games of live poker.

11 4. "Live poker" means a card game played by players who are dealt cards by a
12 nonplayer dealer with the objective of each player betting the superiority of the
13 player's own hand and winning the other players' bets by either making a bet no
14 other player is willing to match or proving to hold the most valuable cards after the
15 betting is over.

16 5. "Poker" means draw, stud, low ball, or any combination of these games.

17 **SECTION 2. Live poker authorized.** Live poker games are authorized and may be
18 operated by a licensed poker establishment in accordance with this Act. The attorney general
19 shall license and regulate the playing of live poker at licensed poker establishments in the state.
20 The attorney general shall adopt rules for the operation, licensing, and regulation of live poker
21 in the state.

22 **SECTION 3. Maximum amount of bets.** The maximum amount of an initial bet or
23 subsequent bet in any poker game authorized under this Act is twenty-five dollars.

1 **SECTION 4. Gaming tax.** There is imposed an eight percent gaming tax on the
2 adjusted gross proceeds of live poker games authorized under this Act. The licensed poker
3 establishment shall remit the gaming tax to the attorney general on a quarterly basis. The
4 attorney general shall remit the gaming tax, licensing fees, and any other moneys collected
5 under this Act to the state treasurer for deposit in the general fund of the state treasury.