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Introduced by Representatives Poirier of Barre City and Conlon of Cornwall

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Crimes and criminal procedure; gambling and lotteries; nonprofit
organizations; card tournaments

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to permit
nonprofit organizations to host up to one card tournament each week that is
open to members and their guests.

An act relating to card tournaments hosted by nonprofit organizations

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 13 V.S.A. § 2143 is amended to read:

§ 2143. NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

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(d) Casino events shall be limited as follows:

(1) A location may be the site of no more than:

(A) one casino event in any calendar quarter; or

(B) three casino events in any calendar year, as long as there are at

least 15 days between each event.

1 (2) A location that is owned by a nonprofit, as defined in 32 V.S.A.
2 § 10201(5), may be the site of no more than three casino events in any calendar
3 quarter and no more than 12 casino events in any calendar year as long as there
4 are at least 15 days between each event.

5 (3) A nonprofit organization, as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 10201(5), may
6 organize and execute no more than:

7 (A) one casino event in any calendar quarter; or

8 (B) three casino events in any calendar year, as long as there are at
9 least 15 days between each event.

10 (4) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1)–(3) of this subsection, a nonprofit
11 organization, as defined in 32 V.S.A. § 10201(5), may organize and execute
12 not more than one card tournament per week, provided that the tournament is
13 only open to the members of the nonprofit organization and their guests.

14 (5) ~~For the purposes of~~ As used in this subsection:

15 (A) ~~“casino~~ Casino event” means an event held during any 24-hour
16 period at which any game of ~~change~~ chance is conducted, except those
17 prohibited by 13 V.S.A. § 2135(a)(1) or (2). A “casino event” shall not
18 include a fair, bazaar, field days, agricultural exposition, or similar event ~~which~~
19 ~~utilizes~~ that uses a wheel of fortune, chuck-a-luck, or other ~~such~~ games
20 commonly conducted at such events, or break-open tickets, bingo, a lottery, or
21 a raffle.

