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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

H. F. No. 357

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy
03/23/2026 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to gaming; expanding authorized card games to include the game of
1.3 hasenpfeffer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.761, subdivision 3.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.761, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 3. Social skill game. Sections 609.755 and 609.76 do not prohibit tournaments
1.7 or contests that satisfy all of the following requirements:

1.8 (1) the tournament or contest consists of the card games of chance commonly known as
1.9 cribbage, skat, sheepshhead, bridge, euchre, hasenpfeffer, pinochle, gin, 500, smear, Texas
1.10 hold'em, or whist;

1.11 (2) the tournament or contest does not provide any direct financial benefit to the promoter
1.12 or organizer;

1.13 (3) the value of all prizes awarded for each tournament or contest does not exceed \$200;
1.14 and

1.15 (4) for a tournament or contest involving Texas hold'em:

1.16 (i) no person under 18 years of age may participate;

1.17 (ii) the payment of an entry fee or other consideration for participating is prohibited;

1.18 (iii) the value of all prizes awarded to an individual winner of a tournament or contest
1.19 at a single location may not exceed \$200 each day; and

1.20 (iv) the organizer or promoter must ensure that reasonable accommodations are made
1.21 for players with disabilities. Accommodations to the table and the cards shall include the

- 2.1 announcement of the cards visible to the entire table and the use of Braille cards for players
- 2.2 who are blind.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.