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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 309

Chairperson: Ray Janssen
Committee: General Affairs
Date of Hearing: February 3, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 309 amends gaming statutes to allow modern technology to be utilized with respect to pickle cards and keno games.

Under LB 309, the Department of Revenue would be able to authorize the use of electronic pickle card devices. The device's function is identical to the traditional paper pickle game, but the pickle card is opened by moving a finger over an electronically displayed card. The device does not dispense cash, coins or tokens. Electronic pickle card devices are prohibited from accumulating credits. The device dispenses a paper ticket which provides evidence of participation and identifies whether the ticket is a winning or losing ticket. Winning tickets include the amount of the prize won and must be validated and redeemed on the premises. LB 309 limits each location to two electronic pickle card devices and permits such devices only at a licensed organization's designated premises, its regularly scheduled and limited period bingo and at the premises of an operator who holds a liquor license for on-site consumption.

LB 309 also authorizes the use of magnetically recorded tickets in keno games. The keno game remains unchanged and players are prohibited from activating the random selection of numbers. The use of the magnetically ticket enables a player to play each game at quicker intervals as opposed to the current requirement that five minutes elapse between keno games that utilize a manual ball blower device and paper tickets. Wagering on keno games utilizing the magnetic ticket is limited to \$1 per game. LB 309 prohibits any device used in keno from dispensing coins, currency, and tokens or from issuing credits. Only a licensed person may pay winning keno games.

Principal Introducer: _____
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