

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB631

Chairperson: Senator Tyson Larson

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2017

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

LB 631 addresses the current trend of decreasing pickle card sales, which has adversely impacted the revenue that organizations use for community betterment projects.

LB 631 offers incentives to pickle card operators by eliminating the following:

1. The requirement for a pickle card operator to purchase, lease or rent a pickle card-dispensing machine.
2. The requirement that if such equipment were obtained from a licensed organization or distributor, that the rate not be less than fair market rate.
3. The prohibition on a licensed organization or pickle card distributor from offering their dispensing machine for free or below fair market value as a means to induce the operator from contracting with a licensed organization.

LB 631 increases the operator's maximum definite profit from 30 percent to 35 percent, increases prizes from 80 percent to 85 percent, and decreases the tax on the definite profit from ten percent to five percent.

LB 631 also allows players to purchase tickets with means other than cash under the various Bingo, Pickle card, Lottery and Raffle Acts.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tyson Larson