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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy

- 1.1A bill for an act
- 1.2relating to lawful gambling; removing certain restrictions on electronic devices
- 1.3and games; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.12, subdivisions 12a,
- 1.412b, 12c; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.12, subdivision 25e.
- 1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.12, subdivision 12a, is amended to read:
- 1.7Subd. 12a. **Electronic bingo device.** "Electronic bingo device" means a handheld and
- 1.8portable electronic device that:
- 1.9(1) is used by a bingo player to:
- 1.10(i) monitor bingo paper sheets or a facsimile of a bingo paper sheet purchased and played
- 1.11at the time and place of an organization's bingo occasion, or to play an electronic bingo
- 1.12game that is linked with other permitted premises;
- 1.13(ii) activate numbers announced or displayed, and to compare the numbers to the bingo
- 1.14faces previously stored in the memory of the device;
- 1.15(iii) identify a winning bingo pattern or game requirement; and
- 1.16(iv) play against other bingo players;
- 1.17(2) limits the play of bingo faces to 36 faces per game;
- 1.18(3) requires coded entry to activate play but does not allow the use of a coin, currency,
- 1.19or tokens to be inserted to activate play;
- 1.20(4) may only be used for play against other bingo players in a bingo game;

(5) has no additional function as an amusement or gambling device other than as an electronic pull-tab game defined under section 349.12, subdivision 12c;

(6) has the capability to ensure adequate levels of security internal controls;

(7) has the capability to permit the board to electronically monitor the operation of the device and the internal accounting systems; and

(8) has the capability to allow use by a player who is visually impaired; ~~and~~

~~(9) contains no spinning reels or other representations that mimic a video slot machine, including but not limited to free plays, bonus games, screens, or game features that are triggered after the initial symbols are revealed that display the results of the game.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.12, subdivision 12b, is amended to read:

Subd. 12b. **Electronic pull-tab device.** ~~(a)~~ "Electronic pull-tab device" means a handheld and portable electronic device that:

(1) is used to play one or more electronic pull-tab games;

(2) requires coded entry to activate play but does not allow the use of coin, currency, or tokens to be inserted to activate play;

(3) requires that a player must ~~individually~~ activate or ~~individually~~ open each electronic pull-tab ticket and each individual line, row, or column of each electronic pull-tab ticket;

(4) maintains information pertaining to accumulated win credits that may be applied to games in play or redeemed upon termination of play;

(5) has no spinning reels or other representations that mimic a video slot machine;

(6) has no additional function as a gambling device other than as an electronic-linked bingo game played on a device defined under section 349.12, subdivision 12a;

(7) may incorporate an amusement game feature as part of the pull-tab game but may not require additional consideration for that feature or award any prize, or other benefit for that feature;

(8) may have auditory or visual enhancements to promote or provide information about the game being played, provided the component does not affect the outcome of a game or display the results of a game;

(9) maintains, on nonresettable meters, a printable, permanent record of all transactions involving each device and electronic pull-tab games played on the device;

3.1 (10) is not a pull-tab dispensing device as defined under subdivision 32a; and

3.2 (11) has the capability to allow use by a player who is visually impaired.

3.3 ~~(b) An electronic pull-tab device must not include representations that mimic the display~~  
3.4 ~~or user interface of a video slot machine by requiring a player to manually activate the reveal~~  
3.5 ~~or result of each single row of symbols with a separate and distinct action for each electronic~~  
3.6 ~~pull-tab ticket.~~

3.7 Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.12, subdivision 12c, is amended to read:

3.8 Subd. 12c. **Electronic pull-tab game.** (a) "Electronic pull-tab game" means a pull-tab  
3.9 game containing:

3.10 (1) facsimiles of pull-tab tickets that are played on an electronic pull-tab device;

3.11 (2) a predetermined, finite number of winning and losing tickets, not to exceed 7,500  
3.12 tickets;

3.13 (3) the same price for each ticket in the game;

3.14 (4) a price paid by the player of not less than 25 cents per ticket;

3.15 (5) tickets that are in conformance with applicable board rules for pull-tabs;

3.16 (6) winning tickets that comply with prize limits under section 349.211;

3.17 (7) a unique serial number that may not be regenerated;

3.18 (8) an electronic flare that displays the game name; form number; predetermined, finite  
3.19 number of tickets in the game; and prize tier; and

3.20 (9) no spinning reels or other representations that mimic a video slot machine, ~~including~~  
3.21 ~~but not limited to free plays, bonus games, screens, or game features that are triggered after~~  
3.22 ~~the initial symbols are revealed that display the results of the game;.~~

3.23 ~~(10) a mechanism requiring a player to manually activate each electronic pull-tab ticket~~  
3.24 ~~to be opened; and~~

3.25 ~~(11) a mechanism requiring a player to manually activate the reveal of each single row~~  
3.26 ~~of symbols with a separate and distinct action.~~

3.27 (b) Each electronic pull-tab game shall include a certification from a board-approved  
3.28 testing laboratory that the game and device meets the standards and requirements established  
3.29 in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules and is in conformance with game procedures  
3.30 provided by the manufacturer.

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- Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**
- 4.2
- Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 349.12, subdivision 25e, is repealed.

APPENDIX

Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 25-01474

349.12 DEFINITIONS.

Subd. 25e. **Manually activate.** For purposes of this section, "manually activate" means that a person must either touch an icon on the electronic pull-tab device screen or press a button located elsewhere on the electronic pull-tab device, or, exclusively for purposes of accommodating use by a player who is visually impaired, perform some other action that initiates activity on an electronic pull-tab device.