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Overview

This act creates a new crime applicable to a variety of fraudulent activities relating to lawful gambling.

1 **Lawful gambling fraud.**

Subd. 1. Crime. Creates a new crime applicable to the following activities relating to lawful gambling:

knowingly claiming a lawful gambling prize using altered or counterfeited gambling equipment;

knowingly claiming a lawful gambling prize by means of fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation;

manipulating any form of lawful gambling or tampering with any gambling equipment with intent to influence the outcome of a game or the receipt of a prize; or

knowingly placing or using false information on a prize receipt or other approved form.

Subd. 2. Penalty. Imposes the following penalties on violations of subdivision 1:

a misdemeanor, if the dollar amount involved is \$500 or less;

a gross misdemeanor, if the dollar amount involved is between \$500 and \$2,500; and

a felony (up to three years imprisonment and/or \$6,000 fine), if the dollar amount is more than \$2,500.

Also permits the aggregation of dollar amounts for charging purposes when the acts are committed within the same 12-month period.

2 **Effective date.** August 1, 2000, for crimes committed on or after that date.