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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota law currently prohibits certain acts relating to gambling (Minnesota Statutes, sections 609.755, 609.76), but creates exceptions from these prohibitions for tournaments and contests satisfying three statutory requirements:

- 1. The tournament or contest consists of cribbage, skat, sheephead, bridge, euchre, pinochle, gin, 500, smear, or whist;
- 2. The tournament or contest does not provide any direct financial benefit to the promoter or organizer; and
- 3. The sum of all prizes awarded for each tournament or contest is \$200 or less.

This bill adds Texas hold'em to the list of social skill games permitted in tournaments and contests under the above conditions.

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- 1** **Social skill game.** Adds Texas hold'em to the list of games permitted in tournaments or contests satisfying certain conditions under Minnesota law.

Requires the organizer of a Texas hold'em tournament or contest to ensure that reasonable accommodations are made for players with physical disabilities, including the use of Braille cards and the announcement of cards.

Effective date. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to

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acts committed on or after that date.