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Bill Summary

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Overview

Minnesota currently authorizes lawful gambling on paddlewheels. This bill authorizes electronic paddlewheels; defines electronic simulated paddlewheels, electronic paddlewheel tables, and virtual paddle tickets; and regulates the conduct of paddlewheels when using these devices.

<u>Section</u>

1 **Gambling equipment.** Adds "electronic simulated paddlewheel computers" and "electronic paddlewheel tables" to the definition of permanent gambling equipment.

2 **Paddle ticket.** Modifies the definition of "paddle ticket" to include either tickets printed by a point of sale system for use with an electronic simulated paddlewheel, or an electronic virtual image of a chip or ticket. Limits the number of wagers on a paddle ticket to no more than ten consecutive spins.

3 **Paddle ticket card.** Clarifies that the paddle ticket card requirement does not apply to paddle tickets printed for use with an electronic simulated paddlewheel or electronic tickets or chips.

4 **Paddlewheel.** Amends the definition of "paddlewheel" to:

- allow for the use of symbols on a paddlewheel;

- include computers and software that control a random outcome on an electronic simulated paddlewheel; and

- limit the frequency of outcomes that may be controlled by a computer in some instances.

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5   **Paddlewheel rules.** Allows the gambling control board to:

- make rules regarding electronic simulated paddlewheels;

- test, approve, and monitor electronic simulated paddlewheels and electronic paddlewheel tables; and

- deactivate an electronic simulated paddlewheel.

6   **Paddlewheel prizes.** Limits individual wagers on paddlewheels to $2 and the total amount wagered by a person on one spin to $50.

7   **Value of chips or tokens.** Provides that the value of a virtual chip used with an electronic paddlewheel table does not need to be posted on the chip in some instances.