A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMBLING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 712, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to part III to be appropriately
- 3 designated and to read as follows:
- 4 "§712- Product sweepstakes gambling. (1) A person
- 5 commits the offense of product sweepstakes gambling if the
- 6 person knowingly advances or participates in any product
- 7 sweepstakes gambling activity.
- 8 (2) Product sweepstakes gambling is a misdemeanor."
- 9 SECTION 2. Section 712-1220, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 10 amended as follows:
- 1. By adding two new definitions to be appropriately
- 12 inserted and to read:
- ""Prize" means any gift, award, gratuity, good, service,
- 14 credit, or anything else of value, which may be transferred to a
- 15 person, whether possession of the prize is actually transferred,
- 16 or placed on an account or other record as evident of the intent
- 17 to transfer the prize.

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"Product sweepstakes gambling" means any game, advertising 1 scheme, or plan, or other promotion, which, with or without 2 3 paying something of value, a person may enter to win or become 4 eligible to receive any prize, the determination of which is 5 based on chance." 6 2. By amending the definition of "gambling" to read: 7 ""Gambling". A person engages in gambling if [he] the 8 person stakes or risks something of value upon the outcome of a 9 contest of chance or a future contingent event not under [his] 10 the person's control or influence, upon an agreement or 11 understanding that [he] the person or someone else will receive 12 something of value in the event of a certain outcome[-] or if 13 the person engages in product sweepstakes gambling. Gambling does not include bona fide business transactions valid under the 14 15 law of contracts, including [but not limited to] contracts for 16 the purchase or sale at a future date of securities or **17** commodities, and agreements to compensate for loss caused by the 18 happening of chance, including [but not limited to] contracts of 19 indemnity or guaranty and life, health, or accident insurance." 20 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that 21 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were 22 begun before its effective date.

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- 1 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Gambling; Product Sweepstakes Gambling; Prohibition

Description:

Establishes the offense of product sweepstakes gambling as a misdemeanor. Defines product sweepstakes gambling and prize.

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