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HOUSE BILL 424  
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE H424-PCS10330-CE-4

Short Title: Gaming Laws/Allow Certain Social Games.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 19, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO  
3 CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR  
4 COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 37 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended  
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 14-309.4. Certain social games not unlawful under certain circumstances.**

9 Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, it is not unlawful for persons  
10 to gather for the purpose of engaging in board games or games of tiles, cards, or dice, including  
11 canasta, mahjong, and bridge, where any money, property, or other thing of value is bet, if the  
12 games are played in a private residence, home, or community clubhouse or similar structure, and  
13 all of the following requirements are met:

- 14 (1) No mechanical or electronic devices or machines of any kind, slot machines,  
15 pull tabs, punch boards, pull boards, or video games, devices, or machines of  
16 any kind are used for, or incorporated in, the games in any way.  
17 (2) No person receives any direct or indirect economic, financial, or monetary  
18 benefit other than personal winnings.  
19 (3) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this section, the host of the game or  
20 owner or lessee of the location in which the games are played does not receive  
21 any direct or indirect economic, financial, or monetary benefit of any kind.  
22 (4) Except for the advantage of skill or luck, the risks of losing or winning are the  
23 same for all parties."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses  
25 committed on or after that date.



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