

HB 445 - AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL **445**

AN ACT defining poker as a game of skill.

SPONSORS: Rep. Spillane, Rock 2; Rep. Tasker, Rock 2; Rep. Duarte, Rock 2; Rep. Abramson,
Rock 20; Rep. Eastman, Hills 28; Rep. Bouldin, Hills 12; Rep. Itse, Rock 10;
Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

This bill defines poker as a game of skill.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fifteen

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Poker. Amend RSA 647:2, II(d) to read as follows:

2 (d) "Gambling" means to risk something of value upon a future contingent event not
3 under one's control or influence, upon an agreement or understanding that something of value will
4 be received in the event of a certain outcome. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the phrase
5 "something of value" shall include a sweepstakes ticket or other item obtained in conjunction with
6 the purchase of goods or services that entitles the holder to a share or chance in a sweepstakes
7 where, but for the opportunity to enter the sweepstakes, the value of purchased goods or services is
8 insufficient to justify the purchase or the inducement to purchase the goods or services is the
9 opportunity to play on a gambling machine. ***For purposes of this section, games of poker shall***
10 ***not be considered gambling and shall be considered a game of skill.***

11 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.