

# HOUSE BILL No. 5105

August 24, 2005, Introduced by Rep. Caswell and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1931 PA 328, entitled  
"The Michigan penal code,"  
by amending section 303a (MCL 750.303a), as added by 1996 PA 539.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 303a. This chapter does not apply to recreational **CARD**  
2 **PLAYING IF ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:**

3           **(A) THE** card playing **IS** conducted at a senior citizen **CENTER,**  
4 **CLUB, GROUP, OR** housing facility not licensed by the liquor control  
5 commission.

6           **(B) THE CARD PLAYING IS CONDUCTED** by ~~—a—~~ **SENIOR CITIZENS WHO**  
7 **PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES AT THE SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER, MEMBERS OF**  
8 **THE** senior citizens club or ~~—a—~~ group, ~~—of—~~ **OR** residents of ~~—a—~~ **THE**  
9 senior citizen housing facility. ~~—that~~

1           (C) **THE CLUB OR GROUP CONDUCTING THE CARD PLAYING** consists of  
2 at least 15 members who are 60 years of age or older. ~~under all of~~  
3 ~~the following circumstances:~~

4           (D) ~~(a)~~ The card playing is conducted solely for the  
5 amusement and recreation of the members and guests of the club or  
6 group and is not conducted for fund-raising. The number of guests  
7 participating in the card playing shall not exceed the number of  
8 club or group members participating in the card playing.

9           (E) ~~(b)~~ Only bona fide members and employees of the club or  
10 group participate in ~~the conduct of the activity~~ **CONDUCTING THE**  
11 **CARD PLAYING.**

12           (F) ~~(c)~~ The card playing is conducted after 9 a.m. and  
13 before 12 midnight.

14           (G) ~~(d)~~ The participating cardplayers bet not more than 25  
15 cents per bet.

16           (H) ~~(e)~~ The winnings from 1 hand of cards do not exceed  
17 \$5.00.

18           (I) ~~(f)~~ Except for winnings, revenue generated from the  
19 ~~activity~~ **CARD PLAYING** is used for reasonable expenses incurred in  
20 conducting the card playing, and no person is compensated for  
21 ~~participating in the conduct of~~ **CONDUCTING** the card playing.