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House Bill 5009 (Substitute H-4 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Pete Lund

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

Senate Committee: Regulatory Reform

CONTENT

The bill would amend Chapter 44 (Gambling) of the Michigan Penal Code to do the following:

- Allow recreational card playing at nonresidential senior citizen's centers, in addition to senior citizen housing facilities.
- Delete a requirement that a senior citizen group consist of at least 15 members who are 60 years of age or older, and refer instead to a group of senior citizens all of whom are at least 60.
- Require that the card playing be for the amusement and recreation of the group members (rather than members and guests) and not for fund-raising or profit.
- Allow only bona fide members, rather than members and employees, of the group to facilitate or participate in the card playing.
- Allow participating card players to pay up to \$5 to buy or rebuy into the card playing.
- Prohibit any person, except for the participating individuals, from being compensated or making a profit from the card playing or facilitating the card playing.

The bill would define "senior citizen housing facility" as a facility that provides residential housing restricted to individuals who are 60 or older. "Senior citizen's center" would mean a facility established or funded by a local unit of government for the use and benefit of individuals who are 60 or older.

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Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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