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SENATE BILL 303

57TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2025

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AN ACT

RELATING TO GAMING; REQUIRING THAT GAMING MACHINES MEET THE STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF STATE LAWS AND RULES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 60-2E-44 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1997, SECTION 1. Chapter 190, Section 46, as amended) is amended to read:

"60-2E-44. MACHINE SPECIFICATIONS.--To be eligible for licensure, each gaming machine shall meet all specifications established by [regulations] rules of the board and:

- be unable to be manipulated in a manner that affects the random probability of winning plays or in any other manner determined by the board to be undesirable;
- have at least one mechanism that accepts coins or currency;
- be capable of having play suspended through the .229729.1

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central system by the executive director until the executive director resets the gaming machine;

- have electronic meters within a readily accessible locked area of the gaming machine that maintain a record of all money inserted into the machine, all cash payouts of winnings, all refunds of winnings, all credits played for additional games and all credits won by players;
- be capable of printing out, at the request of Ε. the executive director, readings on the electronic meters of the machine;
- for machines that do not dispense coins or tokens directly to players, be capable of printing a ticket voucher stating the value of a cash prize won by the player at the completion of each game, the date and time of day the game was played in a twenty-four-hour format showing hours and minutes, the machine serial number, the sequential number of the ticket voucher and an encrypted validation number for determining the validity of a winning ticket voucher;
- be capable of being linked to the board's central system for the purpose of being monitored continuously as required by the board;
- provide for a payback value for each credit wagered, determined over time, of not less than eighty percent;
- meet the standards and specifications set by state laws [or regulations of the states of Nevada and New .229729.1

Jersey] and rules for gaming machines [whichever are more
stringent];

- J. offer only games authorized and examined by the board; and
- K. display the gaming machine license issued for that machine in an easily accessible place, before and during the time that a machine is available for use."

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