

Suspending limitations on conference committee  
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 866 (Taylor of Galveston/Bonnen of  
Galveston)

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H.R. No. 3374

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of  
2 Texas, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, That House Rule 13,  
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,  
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to  
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 866 (the regulation of  
6 amusement redemption machine game rooms in certain counties) to  
7 consider and take action on the following matter:

8 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the  
9 committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either  
10 the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new  
11 SECTIONS to the bill:

12 SECTION 1. Section 234.131(2), Local Government Code, as  
13 added by Chapter 1284 (H.B. 2123), Acts of the 83rd Legislature,  
14 Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

15 (2) "Game room" means a for-profit business located in  
16 a building or place that contains six or more:

17 (A) amusement redemption machines; or

18 (B) electronic, electromechanical, or mechanical  
19 contrivances that, for consideration, afford a player the  
20 opportunity to obtain a prize or thing of value, the award of which  
21 is determined solely or partially by chance, regardless of whether  
22 the contrivance is designed, made, or adopted solely for bona fide  
23 amusement purposes.

24 SECTION 3. Sections 234.136(a) and (b), Local Government

1 Code, as added by Chapter 1284 (H.B. 2123), Acts of the 83rd  
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

3 (a) A peace officer or county employee may inspect a  
4 business in the county to determine the number of amusement  
5 redemption machines or machines described by Section 234.131(2)(B)  
6 subject to regulation under this subchapter that are located on the  
7 premises of the business.

8 (b) A peace officer or county employee may inspect any  
9 business in which six or more amusement redemption machines or  
10 machines described by Section 234.131(2)(B) are located to  
11 determine whether the business is in compliance with this  
12 subchapter or regulations adopted under this subchapter.

13 Explanation: This addition is necessary to ensure that  
14 authorized counties can regulate game rooms that operate amusement  
15 machines for which prizes exceed the value otherwise allowed by law  
16 to promote the public health, safety, and welfare.