

AN ACT

relating to the regulation of amusement redemption machine game rooms in certain counties.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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

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

(A) amusement redemption machines; or

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

SECTION 2. Section 234.132, Local Government Code, as added by Chapter 1284 (H.B. 2123), Acts of the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 234.132. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only to:

(1) a county that has ~~with~~ a population of less than 25,000, ~~that~~ is adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico, and is within 50 miles of an international border;

1 (2) a county that has a population of four million or
2 more;

3 (3) a county that is adjacent to the Gulf of Mexico and
4 to a county that has a population of four million or more; and

5 (4) a county located on the Texas-Mexico border that
6 has a population of less than 300,000 and contains a municipality
7 with a population of 200,000 or more.

8 SECTION 3. Sections 234.136(a) and (b), Local Government
9 Code, as added by Chapter 1284 (H.B. 2123), Acts of the 83rd
10 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, are amended to read as follows:

11 (a) A peace officer or county employee may inspect a
12 business in the county to determine the number of amusement
13 redemption machines or machines described by Section 234.131(2)(B)
14 subject to regulation under this subchapter that are located on the
15 premises of the business.

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

21 SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 234, Local Government
22 Code, as added by Chapter 1377 (H.B. 1127), Acts of the 83rd
23 Legislature, Regular Session, 2013, is repealed.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 866 passed the Senate on April 14, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1; May 26, 2015, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; May 27, 2015, House granted request of the Senate; May 30, 2015, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 866 passed the House, with amendments, on May 19, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 5, two present not voting; May 27, 2015, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; May 30, 2015, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 118, Nays 25, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor