

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 866

By: Taylor of Galveston

S.R. No. 1050

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 84th Legislature, Regular Session, 2015, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill 866 (the regulation of amusement redemption machine game rooms in certain counties) to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add text on a matter which is not included in either the house or senate version of the bill by adding the following new SECTIONS to the bill:

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

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

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

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

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

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate