
SENATE BILL 5169

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By Senator Ericksen

1 AN ACT Relating to fantasy sports contests; and adding a new
2 section to chapter 9.46 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 9.46 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Fantasy competitions are considered by the state as games of
7 skill and are specifically exempted from any classification as
8 gambling.

9 (2) For the purposes of this section, "fantasy competitions"
10 means any fantasy or simulated sports game or educational game or
11 contest that involves a fantasy team that is not based on the current
12 membership of an actual team that is a member of an amateur or
13 professional sports organization and that meets the following
14 conditions:

15 (a) All prizes and awards offered to winning participants are
16 established and made known to the participants in advance of the game
17 or contest and the value of the prizes and awards is not determined
18 by the number of participants or the amount of any fees paid by those
19 participants.

20 (b) All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and skill
21 of the participants and are determined predominantly by accumulated

1 statistical results of the performance of individuals in multiple
2 real world sporting or other events.

3 (c) A winning outcome is not based:

4 (i) On the score, point spread, or performance of any single real
5 world team or any combination of teams; or

6 (ii) Solely on any single performance of an individual athlete in
7 any single real world sporting or other event.

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