

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 424

Short Title: Gaming Laws/Allow Certain Social Games. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Willis, Johnson, Hawkins, and Tyson (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Judiciary 1, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

March 19, 2025

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LAWS REGULATING GAMING DO NOT APPLY TO
3 CERTAIN SOCIAL GAMES PLAYED IN A PRIVATE RESIDENCE, HOME, OR
4 COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Part 1 of Article 37 of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes is amended
7 by adding a new section to read:

8 "**§ 14-309.4. Certain social games not unlawful under certain circumstances.**

9 Notwithstanding any provision of this Article to the contrary, it is not unlawful for persons
10 to gather for the purpose of engaging in board games or games of tiles, cards, or dice, including
11 canasta, mahjong, and bridge, where the games are played in a private residence, home, or
12 community clubhouse or similar structure, and all of the following requirements are met:

13 (1) No mechanical or electronic devices or machines of any kind, slot machines,
14 pull tabs, punch boards, pull boards, or video games, devices, or machines of
15 any kind are used for, or incorporated in, the games in any way.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3) of this section, no person
17 receives any direct or indirect economic, financial, or monetary benefit other
18 than personal winnings.

19 (3) The host of the game or owner or lessee of the location in which the games
20 are played does not receive any direct or indirect economic, financial, or
21 monetary benefit of any kind.

22 (4) Except for the advantage of skill or luck, the risks of losing or winning are the
23 same for all parties."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2025, and applies to offenses
25 committed on or after that date.



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