

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 424
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/1/25

Short Title: Gaming Laws/Allow Certain Social Games.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 19, 2025

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

- (1) No mechanical or electronic devices or machines of any kind, slot machines,
pull tabs, punch boards, pull boards, or video games, devices, or machines of
any kind are used for, or incorporated in, the games in any way.
- (2) No person receives any direct or indirect economic, financial, or monetary
benefit other than personal winnings.
- (3) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this section, the host of the game or
owner or lessee of the location in which the games are played does not receive
any direct or indirect economic, financial, or monetary benefit of any kind.
- (4) Except for the advantage of skill or luck, the risks of losing or winning are the
same for all parties."

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



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