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**VERSIONS OF THIS BILL**

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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16‑19‑5 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO PAYS A FEE TO PLAY A GAME IN WHICH SKILL PREDOMINATES OVER CHANCE AND RECEIVES A PRIZE PROPORTIONATE TO HOW SKILLFULLY HE PLAYED IS NOT GAMBLING.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

 Section 16‑19‑5. For the purposes of this chapter, a person who pays a fee to participate in a game, activity, or event in which skill predominates over chance including, but not limited to, a Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tournament; a National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) event; a billfishing or bass fishing tournament; an Association of Tennis Professional Tour event or Women’s Tennis Association Tour event; a turkey shoot; or any non‑card‑based predominant skill game, activity, or event, and receives a thing of value proportionate to how skillfully he plays in the game, activity, or event is not gambling.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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