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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS PERTAINING TO ~~VIDEO-GAMBLING MACHINE~~
6 PRIZES; INCREASING THE LIMIT ON PRIZES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL LIVE CARD GAME FROM \$800 TO
7 \$1,999; INCREASING THE LIMIT ON VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINE GAME LIMITS FROM \$2 TO \$3;
8 INCREASING THE LIMIT ON AWARDING FREE GAMES OR CREDITS FROM \$800 TO \$1,199; REVISING
9 THE CREDIT RATIO FOR CERTAIN VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINE GAMES; AMENDING SECTIONS 23-5-
10 312, 23-5-607, AND 23-5-608, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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14 **Section 1.** Section 23-5-312, MCA, is amended to read:

15 **"23-5-312. Prizes not to exceed \$800 \$1,999.** (1) A prize for an individual live card game may not
16 exceed the value of ~~\$800~~ \$1,999. Games may not be combined in any manner so as to increase the value of
17 the ultimate prize awarded. Except during a tournament conducted under 23-5-317, all prizes must be awarded
18 immediately upon completion of each hand.

19 (2) If a licensed operator conducts a promotional game of chance involving a live card game, the
20 prize limit provided for in subsection (1) applies to prizes awarded as a result of the promotional game of
21 chance."
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23 **Section 2.** Section 23-5-607, MCA, is amended to read:

24 **"23-5-607. Expected payback -- verification.** (1) The department shall prescribe the expected
25 payback value of credit awarded to be at least 80% of the value of credit played for each bingo, poker, keno,
26 and video line game in a video gambling machine. The credit ratio may not be greater than:

- 27 (a) 92% for each video line game;
28 (b) 96.5% for each bingo and keno game; and