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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5576 AS INTRODUCED 4-26-88

The penal code makes it a misdemeanor to operate a gaming room or maintain a game such as a slot machine used for gambling. The bill would make special provision for the crane amusement machines commonly seen at carnivals; that is, amusement devices containing prizes that may be retrieved from the device through the application of an element of skill. Such devices would be exempted from the anti-gambling criminal provisions, but certain limitations would be placed on them. A crane machine could not display any prize that could not be retrieved by a player. A prize could not have a wholesale value of more than \$3.75, could not be redeemable for cash directly or indirectly, and could not be or contain a weapon, tobacco product, or alcoholic beverage.

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