



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 996**

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**Chairperson:** Vickie McDonald  
**Committee:** General Affairs  
**Date of Hearing:** February 4, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

This bill contains four revision suggestions to the charitable gaming statutes. (1) Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 through 9 would allow for certification of independent testing laboratories that test gaming equipment. Under statute, the department is required to approve all gaming equipment marketed and used in Nebraska. The state solicits proposals and awards a contract to a testing lab, which the manufacturers must use. Since the manufacturers pay for their own testing costs, it would be a benefit for the department to certify independent testing laboratories and then let the manufacturer choose which certified or contracted testing laboratories to use. (2) Sections 3 and 6 would provide the department discretionary authority to permit certain manufacturing ownership interests to exist under the bingo and pickle card statutes. Allowing this discretion will put Nebraska's statute in line with the way most other states handle the issue. (3) Section 10 changes a reference to "duly authorized representative" to "directed representative" to avoid a conflict of the term within two related statutes. (4) Section 12 repeals outright 9-237, an obsolete section due to changes in the permit system over the past few years.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Vickie McDonald, Chairperson**  
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