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August 5, 1986

Law and Legislation Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: SECTION 5.3-11(6) SCC -- CARDROOM REGULATIONS

SUMMARY:

This is being presented in order to have Section 5.3-11(4) SCC revised and a portion of Section 5.3-11(6) SCC deleted. Both items relate to cardroom operations.

BACKGROUND:

Recently a new cardroom operator decided to place rectangular card tables in his place of business. This is in violation of Section 5.3-11(6) SCC which states, "Card tables shall be not over twenty-eight inches from the floor and either round, seven sided or eight sided." We could find no history connected with the implementation of this ordinance, and we had no way of determining why the shape of the tables was important. After discussion with the City Attorney's Office it was decided to request a change in the ordinance since it was felt that we could not deny the cardroom permit based on the shape of the tables. For this reason, we are requesting that Section 5.3-11(6) SCC be revised by deleting the portion that states, "and either round, seven sided or eight sided." No change is being requested in the height of the tables.

At the same time we are requesting a revision of Section 5.3-11(4) SCC. Currently this section states, "Not more than eight players shall be permitted to a table." The proposed change would read, "Not more than eight players may participate at any one card table. All participating players and dealers must be seated at the table." We wish to add the portion requiring all players and dealers to be seated at the tables. This requirement would make it more difficult to observe the hands of other players by a player or dealer standing at the table.

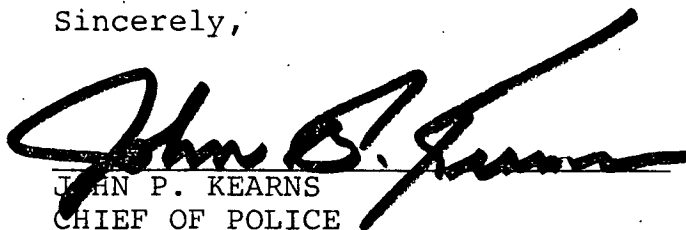
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The requirements that tables may not be over twenty-eight inches above the floor and that all players and dealers must be seated is an attempt to hinder cheating.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that this item be passed as written and presented to the Council for approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John P. Kearns", written over a horizontal line.

JOHN P. KEARNS
CHIEF OF POLICE

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REF: 8-16

ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5.3-11 OF THE SACRAMENTO CITY CODE, RELATING TO CARDROOM REGULATIONS

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1.

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Sec. 5.3-11 Cardroom regulations.

Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall operate a cardroom in violation of any of the following regulations:

1. No person shall be permitted to hold or be interested in more than one cardroom license issued by the City.
2. Not more than fifteen card tables shall be permitted in any cardroom.
3. Not more than one cardroom shall be located at any one address.
4. Not more than eight players ~~shall be permitted to a table.~~ may participate at any one card table. All participating players and dealers must be seated at the table.
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7. No minor shall be permitted at any card table or participate in any game played thereat, nor shall any card table be exposed to viewing from other areas of the premises which are open to and frequented by minors.
8. All cardrooms shall be open to police inspection during all hours of operation.

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10. Each cardroom licensee or licensees shall post in a conspicuous place on the premises a copy of the house rules and regulations and give notice that all persons will be required to comply with them.
11. Each cardroom shall be separated from other activities on the premises.
12. The only games permitted to be played in a cardroom are Draw Poker, LoBall and Panguingui ("Pan"). All other games not prohibited by the California Penal Code are prohibited by this section.

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