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Abstract: Authorizes "fantasy football" and other fantasy or simulation games by providing an exception for these games to certain gambling offenses.

Present law provides for the crimes of gambling and gambling by computer.

Proposed law provides an exception to the crimes of gambling and gambling by computer for the participation in any fantasy or simulation sports game, educational game, or contest by computer if all the following conditions are met:

- (1) No fantasy or simulation sports team is based on the current membership of an actual amateur or professional sports team.
- (2) All prizes and awards offered to winning participants are established and made known to the participants in advance of the game or contest, and their value is not determined by the number of participants or the amount of any fees paid by those participants.
- (3) All winning outcomes reflect the relative knowledge and skill of the participants and are determined predominantly by accumulated statistical results of the performance of individuals in multiple real-world sporting or other events.
- (4) No winning outcome is based on either of the following:
 - (a) On the score, point-spread, or any performance or performances of any single real-world team or any combination of such teams.
 - (b) Solely on any single performance of an individual athlete in any single real-world sporting or other event.

(Adds R.S.14:90(D) and 90.3(J))