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Beverage Association: Slot Machines In Bars Would Help Indiana

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EVANSVILLE - Could you someday throw a quarter in a slot machine while you sip a drink at a tavern or bar? With the backing of two state lawmakers, the Indiana Licensed Beverage Association is proposing letting bars put in video poker and slot machines.

A lot of bars already have trivia or other "fun" games, but those aren't what we're talking about. At issue are true gambling machines, inside the bar.

Beverage officials say the machines already exist, and that they're being used illegally in some places. They say the best way to regulate them is to make them legal.

"Any type of entertainment you bring to a business will hopefully increase the business itself," Jen Cooper from Club Royale says.

Cooper and her staff at Club Royale could soon have another option to offer customers. A study by the Licensed Beverage Association shows Indiana could generate 300 million dollars a year from adding video poker and slot machines to bars.

But with gaming options available all around the state already, are more machines the answer?

"This is something that already exists," Indiana Licensed Beverage Association Executive Director Brad Klopfenstein says. "So it's just a matter of is the state going to regulate it, try to get a handle on it? Or, are we going to let it flourish underground."

He estimates thousands of the machines are already in play around the state, hidden in convenience stores or truck stops. Copper says allowing the games give bars one more option for when all of Evansville goes smoke-free in 2009.

"If we are going to lose people who are smokers," she says. "Maybe we can offer them different reasons to come in."

And any extra customers could mean money for the state.

"This is a budget year," Klopfenstein says. "There's a lot of proposals coming up that will need 200-300 million dollars, things like full-day kindergarten and funding local government. Our proposal would help pay for that."

We sought comment from gambling opponents but our calls were not returned. The beverage association says if this law passes, bars would have a limit to the number of machines they could have. Likely around five.

They've pursued this before, but it's gotten no where in the process. But with the backing of at least two law-makers, they're confident it will be at least voted on this session.

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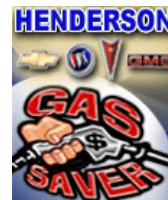
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