



Roy Cooper, Governor
State of North Carolina

GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

House Bill 511 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO OPERATE "GAME NIGHTS," TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HOLDING "GAME NIGHTS," TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT "GAME NIGHTS," TO INCREASE THE ABILITY OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD FUND-RAISING RAFFLES, AND TO AUTHORIZE REISSUANCE OF CERTAIN ONE-TIME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION PERMITS.

I am not opposed to legitimate nonprofits holding an occasional "game night" to help with donations to worthy causes. However, I believe this legislation as written could cause unintended problems. North Carolina law enforcement has fought for years against the for-profit video poker industry, and legitimizing charitable gambling in this way could give video poker a new way to infiltrate our communities. Allowing the industry to masquerade as a charity could cause unintended permits to be issued, and without tough criminal penalties enforcement would be difficult.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

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Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina House of Representatives on this the 12th day of July, 2017, at 3:55pm for reconsideration by that body.

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