

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION: #24-10

SUBMITTED BY: Department Legislative Committee

SUBJECT: **Mechanical Amusement Devices - HB 5227 or Any Similar Legislation**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State of Michigan Gaming Control Commission and the Liquor Control Commission have been trying to remove games of skill and mechanical amusement devices from all non-profit organizations and for-profit businesses in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Most of these mechanical amusement devices have been in place for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Many of these for-profit businesses and non-profit organizations have depended on these types of mechanical amusement devices to supplement income; and

WHEREAS, These mechanical amusement devices are legal to own and/or operate in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, The removal or outlawing of these mechanical amusement devices will cause enough loss in revenue that some of these groups may have to close their doors; and

WHEREAS, The businesses and organizations offer services and aid to the communities in which they are located; and

WHEREAS, The outlawing of such mechanical amusement devices could have the unintended consequence of causing businesses, such as Chuck E Cheese and Dave & Busters, to end their business in the State of Michigan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion, Department of Michigan, in annual Department Winter Meeting, assembled in Flint, Michigan, February 10-11, 2024, That The American Legion, Department of Michigan objects to HB 5227, or any other efforts by the State of Michigan and/or its departments, to outlaw the use of mechanical amusement devices that are not illegal as of January 1, 2024; and, be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, That all efforts should be undertaken by the Michigan Legislators to enact Michigan law that these mechanical amusement devices are legal to use if no cash is paid out or alcohol given as a prize and that only food, tokens, toys or gift cards are used as a form of reward.

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