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Section

1 **Detention of persons at card club.** Allows detention of persons suspected of violating gambling laws at card clubs.

Subdivision 1. Authorization. Allows card club security personnel to detain a person if the licensee has reasonable cause to believe the person violated provisions of the criminal code relating to cheating at gambling. The authority includes the racing commission's director of security and racetrack security personnel licensed by the racing commission.

Subd. 2. Circumstances under which a person may be detained. Allows detention under subdivision 1 to:

require the detained person to provide or verify identification

inquire as to possession of contraband

inform a peace officer

institute criminal proceedings

Requires that the detained person be promptly informed of the purpose of the detention. Prohibits the person from being involuntarily interrogated. Prohibits unnecessary or unreasonable force. Provides that the licensee must immediately notify a peace officer if requested by the detained person. Prohibits detention for more than one hour unless the licensee is waiting to surrender the person to a peace officer or the detainee is a minor and the licensee is waiting to surrender the detainee to the detainee's parent, guardian, or custodian.

Subd. 3. Arrest. Allows a peace officer to arrest a detained person without a warrant if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the person has violated provisions of the criminal code relating to cheating at gambling.

Subd. 4. Immunity. Makes licensees and peace officers immune from liability for an action authorized by this section if reasonable cause existed for the arresting person's action.