

Bill allows for skill in slot machines

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Gov. Brian Sandoval's office today announced that he signed legislation paving the way for the state gaming industry to introduce skill into slot machines.

Senate Bill 9, first reported by the Sun in February, directs Nevada gaming regulators to adopt rules promoting "innovative, alternative and advanced technology" in casino equipment. And it provides a pathway for a new skill element in slot machines, essentially allowing them to play more like video games.

The idea is that the bill will enable casinos to appeal better to younger customers who are increasingly hesitant to embrace simple, chance-heavy traditional slot machines. The move has been supported by gaming regulators, representatives of casinos and equipment manufacturers and, now, the entire state government.

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