Coming soon to casinos: Betting on yourself

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Coming soon to Nevada casinos: slot machines that feel a lot like arcade or video games. The Nevada Gaming Commission recently approved regulations for skill-based slot machines in an effort to help the casino industry appeal to younger, more technologically savvy customers.

The regulations create three categories: traditional chance games, skill games in which a player's ability determines the outcome, and hybrid games in which a combination of chance and skill affect the result.

The skill-based rules have been in the works for months, after the state Legislature approved a bill directing regulators to encourage "innovative, alternative and advanced technology" in casino games. The measure was pushed for by the Association of Gaming Equipment Manufacturers, which represents slot machine companies.

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