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Saskatchewan to allow partial stripping in bars

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There could be more wet t-shirt contests and poker in Saskatchewan's future as a result of sweeping changes to liquor regulations announced Tuesday.

Saskatchewan could lose its status as the only province in Canada that bans



Strip shows, but not full-frontal nudity, will be allowed in Saskatchewan bars, the government says. (CBC)

stripping in bars, but it's drawing the line at nipples — "strip-tease performances" will be allowed, but full-frontal nudity will continue to be prohibited.

There are more than 70 measures being proposed, some that will require legislative changes and others that will simply require a change to Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority policies.

Many of the proposed changes loosen liquor regulations.

For instance, restaurants will no longer be required to serve food to somebody who wants a beer.

One major change is that taverns will no longer be required to operate guest rooms, brew pubs or provide nightly nightclub entertainment in order to get a liquor permit.

Other changes include allowing movie theatres to sell liquor in special adults-only sections, increasing the amount of liquor people can bring into Saskatchewan from other provinces and letting golfers open their own beers.

There could also be more poker allowed at places that have tournaments, the proposed regulations say.

The changes are expected to be rolled out in the coming months, the Saskatchewan government says.

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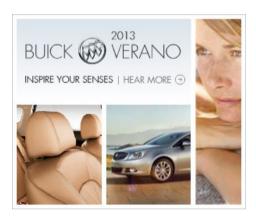
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