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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 6435


#### Abstract

"Section 5. The Illinois Municipal Code is amended by changing Section 11-74.4-4.2 and by adding Section 11-74.4-8d as follows: (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-4.2) Sec. 11-74.4-4.2. Interested parties registry. (a) On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 91st General Assembly, the municipality shall by its corporate authority create an "interested parties" registry for activities related to the redevelopment project area. The municipality shall adopt reasonable registration rules and shall prescribe the necessary registration forms for residents and organizations active within the municipality that seek to be placed on the "interested parties" registry. At a minimum, the rules for registration shall provide for a renewable period of registration of not less than 3 years and notification to registered organizations and individuals by mail at the address provided upon registration prior to termination of their registration, unless the municipality decides that it will establish a policy of not terminating interested parties from the registry, in which case no notice will be required. Such rules shall not be used to prohibit or otherwise interfere with


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the ability of eligible organizations and individuals to
register for receipt of information to which they are entitled
under this statute, including the information required by:
    (1) subsection (a) of Section 11-74.4-5;
    (2) paragraph (9) of subsection (d) of Section 11-74.4-5;
and
    (3) subsection (e) of Section 11-74.4-6.
    (b) On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act
of the 93rd General Assembly, the municipality may not include
an owners licensee under the Riverboat Gambling Act on its
"interested party" registry.
(Source: P.A. 91-478, eff. 11-1-99.)
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    (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-8d new)
    Sec. 11-74.4-8d. Prohibition against riverboat dock within
    redevelopment project area. A municipality may not adopt tax
increment financing in a redevelopment project area after the
effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General
Assembly that will include within its corporate limits the home
dock of any owners licensee under the Riverboat Gambling Act.

Section 10. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by changing Sections 7 and 11.2 as follows:
(230 ILCS 10/7) (from Ch. 120, par. 2407)
Sec. 7. Owners Licenses.
(a) The Board shall issue owners licenses to persons, firms or corporations which apply for such licenses upon payment to the Board of the non-refundable license fee set by the Board, upon payment of a $\$ 25,000$ license fee for the first year of operation and a $\$ 5,000$ license fee for each succeeding year and upon a determination by the Board that the applicant is eligible for an owners license pursuant to this Act and the rules of the Board. A person, firm or corporation is ineligible
to receive an owners license if:
(1) the person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State, any other state, or the United States;
(2) the person has been convicted of any violation of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 1961, or substantially similar laws of any other jurisdiction;
(3) the person has submitted an application for a license under this Act which contains false information;
(4) the person is a member of the Board;
(5) a person defined in (1), (2), (3) or (4) is an officer, director or managerial employee of the firm or corporation;
(6) the firm or corporation employs a person defined in (1), (2), (3) or (4) who participates in the management or operation of gambling operations authorized under this Act;
(7) (blank); or
(8) a license of the person, firm or corporation issued under this Act, or a license to own or operate gambling facilities in any other jurisdiction, has been revoked.
(b) In determining whether to grant an owners license to an applicant, the Board shall consider:
(1) the character, reputation, experience and financial integrity of the applicants and of any other or separate person that either:
(A) controls, directly or indirectly, such applicant, or
(B) is controlled, directly or indirectly, by such applicant or by a person which controls, directly or indirectly, such applicant;
(2) the facilities or proposed facilities for the conduct of riverboat gambling;
(3) the highest prospective total revenue to be derived by the State from the conduct of riverboat gambling;
(4) the extent to which the ownership of the applicant reflects the diversity of the State by including minority persons and females and the good faith affirmative action plan of each applicant to recruit, train and upgrade minority persons and females in all employment classifications;
(5) the financial ability of the applicant to purchase and maintain adequate liability and casualty insurance;
(6) whether the applicant has adequate capitalization to provide and maintain, for the duration of a license, a riverboat;
(7) the extent to which the applicant exceeds or meets other standards for the issuance of an owners license which the Board may adopt by rule; and
(8) The amount of the applicant's license bid.
(c) Each owners license shall specify the place where riverboats shall operate and dock.
(d) Each applicant shall submit with his application, on forms provided by the Board, 2 sets of his fingerprints.
(e) The Board may issue up to 10 licenses authorizing the holders of such licenses to own riverboats. In the application for an owners license, the applicant shall state the dock at which the riverboat is based and the water on which the riverboat will be located. The Board shall issue 5 licenses to become effective not earlier than January 1, 1991. Three of such licenses shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Mississippi River, or, with approval by the municipality in which the riverboat is docked on August 7, 2003, date of this amendatory Act of the 93xd Assembly, in a municipality that (1) borders on the Mississippi River or is within 5 miles of the city limits of a municipality that borders on the Mississippi River and (2), on August 7, 2003,

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operations pursuant to a license issued under this Act; $\boldsymbol{r}$ one of which shall authorize riverboat gambling from a home dock in the city of East St. Louis. One other license shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Illinois River south of Marshall County. The Board shall issue one additional license to become effective not earlier than March 1, 1992, which shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Des Plaines River in Will County. The Board may issue 4 additional licenses to become effective not earlier than March 1, 1992. On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Board may not issue an owners license authorizing the conduct of riverboat gambling operations from a home dock that is located within a tax increment financing district. In determining the water upon which riverboats will operate, the Board shall consider the economic benefit which riverboat gambling confers on the State, and shall seek to assure that all regions of the State share in the economic benefits of riverboat gambling.

In granting all licenses, the Board may give favorable consideration to economically depressed areas of the State, to applicants presenting plans which provide for significant economic development over a large geographic area, and to applicants who currently operate non-gambling riverboats in Illinois. The Board shall review all applications for owners licenses, and shall inform each applicant of the Board's decision. The Board may grant an owners license to an applicant that has not submitted the highest license bid, but if it does not select the highest bidder, the Board shall issue a written decision explaining why another applicant was selected and identifying the factors set forth in this Section that favored the winning bidder.

In addition to any other revocation powers granted to the Board under this Act, the Board may revoke the owners license of a licensee which fails to begin conducting gambling within 15 months of receipt of the Board's approval of the application
if the Board determines that license revocation is in the best interests of the State.
(f) The first 10 owners licenses issued under this Act shall permit the holder to own up to 2 riverboats and equipment thereon for a period of 3 years after the effective date of the license. Holders of the first 10 owners licenses must pay the annual license fee for each of the 3 years during which they are authorized to own riverboats.
(g) Upon the termination, expiration, or revocation of each of the first 10 licenses, which shall be issued for a 3 year period, all licenses are renewable annually upon payment of the fee and a determination by the Board that the licensee continues to meet all of the requirements of this Act and the Board's rules. However, for licenses renewed on or after May 1, 1998, renewal shall be for a period of 4 years, unless the Board sets a shorter period.
(h) An owners license shall entitle the licensee to own up to 2 riverboats. A licensee shall limit the number of gambling participants to 1,200 for any such owners license. A licensee may operate both of its riverboats concurrently, provided that the total number of gambling participants on both riverboats does not exceed 1,200. Riverboats licensed to operate on the Mississippi River and the Illinois River south of Marshall County shall have an authorized capacity of at least 500 persons. Any other riverboat licensed under this Act shall have an authorized capacity of at least 400 persons.
(i) A licensed owner is authorized to apply to the Board for and, if approved therefor, to receive all licenses from the Board necessary for the operation of a riverboat, including a liquor license, a license to prepare and serve food for human consumption, and other necessary licenses. All use, occupation and excise taxes which apply to the sale of food and beverages in this State and all taxes imposed on the sale or use of tangible personal property apply to such sales aboard the
riverboat.
(j) The Board may issue or re-issue a license authorizing a riverboat to dock in a municipality or approve a relocation under Section 11.2 only if, prior to the issuance or re-issuance of the license or approval, the governing body of the municipality in which the riverboat will dock has by a majority vote approved the docking of riverboats in the municipality. The Board may issue or re-issue a license authorizing a riverboat to dock in areas of a county outside any municipality or approve a relocation under Section 11.2 only if, prior to the issuance or re-issuance of the license or approval, the governing body of the county has by a majority vote approved of the docking of riverboats within such areas. (Source: P.A. 92-600, eff. 6-28-02; 93-28, eff. 6-20-03; 93-453, eff. 8-7-03; revised 1-27-04.)
(230 ILCS 10/11.2)
Sec. 11.2. Relocation of riverboat home dock.
(a) A licensee that was not conducting riverboat gambling on January 1, 1998 may apply to the Board for renewal and approval of relocation to a new home dock location authorized under Section 3(c) and the Board shall grant the application and approval upon receipt by the licensee of approval from the new municipality or county, as the case may be, in which the licensee wishes to relocate pursuant to Section 7(j), except that, on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, the Board may not authorize an owners licensee to relocate its home dock within the boundaries of a tax increment financing district.
(b) Any licensee that relocates its home dock pursuant to this Section shall attain a level of at least $20 \%$ minority person and female ownership, at least $16 \%$ and 4\% respectively, within a time period prescribed by the Board, but not to exceed 12 months from the date the licensee begins conducting gambling
at the new home dock location. The 12 -month period shall be extended by the amount of time necessary to conduct a background investigation pursuant to Section 6. For the purposes of this Section, the terms "female" and "minority person" have the meanings provided in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.
(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.".

