

AN ACT in relation to gaming.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:

Section 10. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 11.1, 12, 13, 15, and 23 and adding Sections 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 as follows:

(230 ILCS 10/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 2402)

Sec. 2. Legislative Intent. (a) This Act is intended to benefit the people of the State of Illinois by assisting economic development and promoting Illinois tourism and by increasing the amount of revenues available to the State to assist and support education.

(b) While authorization of riverboat gambling will enhance investment, development and tourism in Illinois, it is recognized that it will do so successfully only if public confidence and trust in the credibility and integrity of the gambling operations and the regulatory process is maintained. Therefore, regulatory provisions of this Act are designed to strictly regulate the facilities, persons, associations and practices related to gambling operations pursuant to the police powers of the State, including comprehensive law enforcement supervision.

(c) The Illinois Gaming Board established under this Act should, as soon as possible, inform each applicant for an owners license of the Board's intent to grant or deny a license.

(Source: P.A. 86-1029.)

(230 ILCS 10/4) (from Ch. 120, par. 2404)

Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act:

(a) "Board" means the Illinois Gaming Board.

(b) "Occupational license" means a license issued by the Board to a person or entity to perform an occupation which the Board has identified as requiring a license to engage in riverboat gambling in Illinois.

(c) "Gambling game" includes, but is not limited to, baccarat, twenty-one, poker, craps, slot machine, video game of chance, roulette wheel, klondike table, punchboard, faro layout, keno layout, numbers ticket, push card, jar ticket, or pull tab which is authorized by the Board as a wagering device under this Act.

(d) "Riverboat" means a self-propelled excursion boat, a permanently moored barge, or permanently moored barges that are permanently fixed together to operate as one vessel, on which lawful gambling is authorized and licensed as provided in this Act.

(e) "Managers license" means a license issued by the Board to a person or entity to manage gambling operations conducted by the State pursuant to Section 7.2 {Blank}.

(f) "Dock" means the location where a riverboat moors for the purpose of embarking passengers for and disembarking passengers from the riverboat.

(g) "Gross receipts" means the total amount of money exchanged for the purchase of chips, tokens or electronic cards by riverboat patrons.

(h) "Adjusted gross receipts" means the gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers.

(i) "Cheat" means to alter the selection of criteria which determine the result of a gambling game or the amount or frequency of payment in a gambling game.

(j) "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

(k) "Gambling operation" means the conduct of authorized gambling games upon a riverboat.

(l) "License bid" means the lump sum amount of money that an applicant bids and agrees to pay the State in return

for an owners license that is re-issued on or after July 1, 2003.

(m) The terms "minority person" and "female" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99; 92-600, eff. 6-28-02.)

(230 ILCS 10/6) (from Ch. 120, par. 2406)

Sec. 6. Application for Owners License.

(a) A qualified person may apply to the Board for an owners license to conduct a riverboat gambling operation as provided in this Act. The application shall be made on forms provided by the Board and shall contain such information as the Board prescribes, including but not limited to the identity of the riverboat on which such gambling operation is to be conducted and the exact location where such riverboat will be docked, a certification that the riverboat will be registered under this Act at all times during which gambling operations are conducted on board, detailed information regarding the ownership and management of the applicant, and detailed personal information regarding the applicant. Any application for an owners license to be re-issued on or after June 1, 2003 shall also include the applicant's license bid in a form prescribed by the Board. Information provided on the application shall be used as a basis for a thorough background investigation which the Board shall conduct with respect to each applicant. An incomplete application shall be cause for denial of a license by the Board.

(b) Applicants shall submit with their application all documents, resolutions, and letters of support from the governing body that represents the municipality or county wherein the licensee will dock.

(c) Each applicant shall disclose the identity of every

person, association, trust or corporation having a greater than 1% direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the riverboat gambling operation with respect to which the license is sought. If the disclosed entity is a trust, the application shall disclose the names and addresses of the beneficiaries; if a corporation, the names and addresses of all stockholders and directors; if a partnership, the names and addresses of all partners, both general and limited.

(d) An application shall be filed with the Board by January 1 of the year preceding any calendar year for which an applicant seeks an owners license; however, applications for an owners license permitting operations on January 1, 1991 shall be filed by July 1, 1990. An application fee of \$50,000 shall be paid at the time of filing to defray the costs associated with the background investigation conducted by the Board. If the costs of the investigation exceed \$50,000, the applicant shall pay the additional amount to the Board. If the costs of the investigation are less than \$50,000, the applicant shall receive a refund of the remaining amount. All information, records, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data supplied to or used by the Board in the course of its review or investigation of an application for a license under this Act shall be privileged, strictly confidential and shall be used only for the purpose of evaluating an applicant. Such information, records, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data shall not be admissible as evidence, nor discoverable in any action of any kind in any court or before any tribunal, board, agency or person, except for any action deemed necessary by the Board.

(e) The Board shall charge each applicant a fee set by the Department of State Police to defray the costs associated with the search and classification of fingerprints obtained by the Board with respect to the applicant's application.

These fees shall be paid into the State Police Services Fund.

(f) The licensed owner shall be the person primarily responsible for the boat itself. Only one riverboat gambling operation may be authorized by the Board on any riverboat. The applicant must identify each riverboat it intends to use and certify that the riverboat: (1) has the authorized capacity required in this Act; (2) is accessible to disabled persons; and (3) is fully registered and licensed in accordance with any applicable laws.

(g) A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an application is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)

(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 minorities 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; and

(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 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 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly, has a riverboat conducting riverboat gambling operations pursuant to a license issued under this Act, one of which shall authorize riverboat gambling from a home dock in the city of East St. Louis, ~~and one of which shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Mississippi River or 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-the-effective-date-of-this-amendatory-Act-of the---92nd---General--Assembly--has--a--riverboat--conducting riverboat-gambling-operations-pursuant-to--a--license--issued~~

~~under--this--Act.~~ 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. 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. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99; 92-600, eff. 6-28-02.)

(230 ILCS 10/7.1 new)

Sec. 7.1. Re-issuance of revoked or non-renewed owners licenses.

(a) If an owners license terminates or expires without renewal or the Board revokes or determines not to renew an owners license (including, without limitation, an owners license for a licensee that was not conducting riverboat gambling operations on January 1, 1998) and that revocation or determination is final, the Board may re-issue such license to a qualified applicant pursuant to an open and competitive bidding process, as set forth in Section 7.5, and subject to the maximum number of authorized licenses set forth in Section 7(e).

(b) To be a qualified applicant, a person, firm, or corporation cannot be ineligible to receive an owners license under Section 7(a) and must submit an application for an owners license that complies with Section 6. Each such applicant must also submit evidence to the Board that minority persons and females hold ownership interests in the applicant of at least 16% and 4% respectively.

(c) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in Section 7(e), an applicant may apply to the Board for approval of relocation of a re-issued license to a new home dock location

authorized under Section 3(c) upon receipt of the approval from the municipality or county, as the case may be, pursuant to Section 7(j).

(d) In determining whether to grant a re-issued owners license to an applicant, the Board shall consider all of the factors set forth in Sections 7(b) and (e) as well as the amount of the applicant's license bid. The Board may grant the re-issued 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 Sections 7(b) and (e) that favored the winning bidder.

(e) Re-issued owners licenses shall be subject to annual license fees as provided for in Section 7(a) and shall be governed by the provisions of Sections 7(f), (g), (h), and (i).

(230 ILCS 10/7.2 new)

Sec. 7.2. Temporary operating permits. Any person operating under a temporary operating permit issued pursuant to 86 Ill. Admin. Code 3000.230 shall be deemed to be operating under the authority of an owner's license for purposes of Section 13 of this Act. This Section shall not affect in any way the licensure requirements of this Act.

(230 ILCS 10/7.3 new)

Sec. 7.3. State conduct of gambling operations.

(a) If, after reviewing each application for a re-issued license, the Board determines that the highest prospective total revenue to the State would be derived from State conduct of the gambling operation in lieu of re-issuing the license, the Board shall inform each applicant of its decision. The Board shall thereafter have the authority,

without obtaining an owners license, to conduct riverboat gambling operations as previously authorized by the terminated, expired, revoked, or nonrenewed license through a licensed manager selected pursuant to an open and competitive bidding process as set forth in Section 7.5 and as provided in Section 7.4.

(b) The Board may locate any riverboat on which a gambling operation is conducted by the State in any home dock location authorized by Section 3(c) upon receipt of approval from a majority vote of the governing body of the municipality or county, as the case may be, in which the riverboat will dock.

(c) The Board shall have jurisdiction over and shall supervise all gambling operations conducted by the State provided for in this Act and shall have all powers necessary and proper to fully and effectively execute the provisions of this Act relating to gambling operations conducted by the State.

(d) The maximum number of owners licenses authorized under Section 7(e) shall be reduced by one for each instance in which the Board authorizes the State to conduct a riverboat gambling operation under subsection (a) in lieu of re-issuing a license to an applicant under Section 7.1.

(230 ILCS 10/7.4 new)

Sec. 7.4. Managers licenses.

(a) A qualified person may apply to the Board for a managers license to operate and manage any gambling operation conducted by the State. The application shall be made on forms provided by the Board and shall contain such information as the Board prescribes, including but not limited to information required in Sections 6(a), (b), and (c) and information relating to the applicant's proposed price to manage State gambling operations and to provide the

riverboat, gambling equipment, and supplies necessary to conduct State gambling operations.

(b) Each applicant must submit evidence to the Board that minority persons and females hold ownership interests in the applicant of at least 16% and 4%, respectively.

(c) A person, firm, or corporation is ineligible to receive a managers 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; or

(7) 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.

(d) Each applicant shall submit with his or her application, on forms prescribed by the Board, 2 sets of his or her fingerprints.

(e) The Board shall charge each applicant a fee, set by the Board, to defray the costs associated with the background investigation conducted by the Board.

(f) A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an

application is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(g) The managers license shall be for a term not to exceed 10 years, shall be renewable at the Board's option, and shall contain such terms and provisions as the Board deems necessary to protect or enhance the credibility and integrity of State gambling operations, achieve the highest prospective total revenue to the State, and otherwise serve the interests of the citizens of Illinois.

(h) Issuance of a managers license shall be subject to an open and competitive bidding process. The Board may select an applicant other than the lowest bidder by price. If it does not select the lowest bidder, the Board shall issue a notice of who the lowest bidder was and a written decision as to why another bidder was selected.

(230 ILCS 10/7.5 new)

Sec. 7.5. Competitive Bidding. When the Board determines that it will re-issue an owners license pursuant to an open and competitive bidding process, as set forth in Section 7.1, or that it will issue a managers license pursuant to an open and competitive bidding process, as set forth in Section 7.4, the open and competitive bidding process shall adhere to the following procedures:

(1) The Board shall make applications for owners and managers licenses available to the public and allow a reasonable time for applicants to submit applications to the Board.

(2) During the filing period for owners or managers license applications, the Board may retain the services of an investment banking firm to assist the Board in conducting the open and competitive bidding process.

(3) After receiving all of the bid proposals, the Board shall open all of the proposals in a public forum and disclose the prospective owners or managers names, venture

partners, if any, and, in the case of applicants for owners licenses, the locations of the proposed development sites.

(4) The Board shall summarize the terms of the proposals and may make this summary available to the public.

(5) The Board shall evaluate the proposals within a reasonable time and select no more than 3 final applicants to make presentations of their proposals to the Board.

(6) The final applicants shall make their presentations to the Board on the same day during an open session of the Board.

(7) As soon as practicable after the public presentations by the final applicants, the Board, in its discretion, may conduct further negotiations among the 3 final applicants. During such negotiations, each final applicant may increase its license bid or otherwise enhance its bid proposal. At the conclusion of such negotiations, the Board shall select the winning proposal. In the case of negotiations for an owners license, the Board may, at the conclusion of such negotiations, make the determination allowed under Section 7.3(a).

(8) Upon selection of a winning bid, the Board shall evaluate the winning bid within a reasonable period of time for licensee suitability in accordance with all applicable statutory and regulatory criteria.

(9) If the winning bidder is unable or otherwise fails to consummate the transaction, (including if the Board determines that the winning bidder does not satisfy the suitability requirements), the Board may, on the same criteria, select from the remaining bidders or make the determination allowed under Section 7.3(a).

(230 ILCS 10/10) (from Ch. 120, par. 2410)

Sec. 10. Bond of licensee. Before an owners license is issued or re-issued or a managers license is issued, the

licensee shall post a bond in the sum of \$200,000 to the State of Illinois. The bond shall be used to guarantee that the licensee faithfully makes the payments, keeps his books and records and makes reports, and conducts his games of chance in conformity with this Act and the rules adopted by the Board. The bond shall not be canceled by a surety on less than 30 days notice in writing to the Board. If a bond is canceled and the licensee fails to file a new bond with the Board in the required amount on or before the effective date of cancellation, the licensee's license shall be revoked. The total and aggregate liability of the surety on the bond is limited to the amount specified in the bond.

(Source: P.A. 86-1029.)

(230 ILCS 10/11) (from Ch. 120, par. 2411)

Sec. 11. Conduct of gambling. Gambling may be conducted by licensed owners or licensed managers on behalf of the State aboard riverboats, subject to the following standards:

(1) A licensee may conduct riverboat gambling authorized under this Act regardless of whether it conducts excursion cruises. A licensee may permit the continuous ingress and egress of passengers for the purpose of gambling.

(2) (Blank).

(3) Minimum and maximum wagers on games shall be set by the licensee.

(4) Agents of the Board and the Department of State Police may board and inspect any riverboat at any time for the purpose of determining whether this Act is being complied with. Every riverboat, if under way and being hailed by a law enforcement officer or agent of the Board, must stop immediately and lay to.

(5) Employees of the Board shall have the right to be present on the riverboat or on adjacent facilities

under the control of the licensee.

(6) Gambling equipment and supplies customarily used in conducting riverboat gambling must be purchased or leased only from suppliers licensed for such purpose under this Act.

(7) Persons licensed under this Act shall permit no form of wagering on gambling games except as permitted by this Act.

(8) Wagers may be received only from a person present on a licensed riverboat. No person present on a licensed riverboat shall place or attempt to place a wager on behalf of another person who is not present on the riverboat.

(9) Wagering shall not be conducted with money or other negotiable currency.

(10) A person under age 21 shall not be permitted on an area of a riverboat where gambling is being conducted, except for a person at least 18 years of age who is an employee of the riverboat gambling operation. No employee under age 21 shall perform any function involved in gambling by the patrons. No person under age 21 shall be permitted to make a wager under this Act.

(11) Gambling excursion cruises are permitted only when the waterway for which the riverboat is licensed is navigable, as determined by the Board in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This paragraph (11) does not limit the ability of a licensee to conduct gambling authorized under this Act when gambling excursion cruises are not permitted.

(12) All tokens, chips or electronic cards used to make wagers must be purchased from a licensed owner or manager either aboard a riverboat or at an onshore facility which has been approved by the Board and which is located where the riverboat docks. The tokens, chips

or electronic cards may be purchased by means of an agreement under which the owner or manager extends credit to the patron. Such tokens, chips or electronic cards may be used while aboard the riverboat only for the purpose of making wagers on gambling games.

(13) Notwithstanding any other Section of this Act, in addition to the other licenses authorized under this Act, the Board may issue special event licenses allowing persons who are not otherwise licensed to conduct riverboat gambling to conduct such gambling on a specified date or series of dates. Riverboat gambling under such a license may take place on a riverboat not normally used for riverboat gambling. The Board shall establish standards, fees and fines for, and limitations upon, such licenses, which may differ from the standards, fees, fines and limitations otherwise applicable under this Act. All such fees shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund. All such fines shall be deposited into the Education Assistance Fund, created by Public Act 86-0018, of the State of Illinois.

(14) In addition to the above, gambling must be conducted in accordance with all rules adopted by the Board.

(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)

(230 ILCS 10/11.1) (from Ch. 120, par. 2411.1)

Sec. 11.1. Collection of amounts owing under credit agreements. Notwithstanding any applicable statutory provision to the contrary, a licensed owner or manager who extends credit to a riverboat gambling patron pursuant to Section 11 (a) (12) of this Act is expressly authorized to institute a cause of action to collect any amounts due and owing under the extension of credit, as well as the owner's or manager's costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees

incurred in collection.

(Source: P.A. 86-1029; 86-1389; 87-826.)

(230 ILCS 10/12) (from Ch. 120, par. 2412)

Sec. 12. Admission tax; fees.

(a) A tax is hereby imposed upon admissions to riverboats operated by licensed owners authorized pursuant to this Act. Until July 1, 2002, the rate is \$2 per person admitted. From Beginning July 1, 2002 until July 1, 2003, the rate is \$3 per person admitted. Beginning July 1, 2003, for a licensee that admitted 1,000,000 persons or fewer in the previous calendar year, the rate is \$3 per person admitted; for a licensee that admitted more than 1,000,000 but no more than 2,300,000 persons in the previous calendar year, the rate is \$4 per person admitted; and for a licensee that admitted more than 2,300,000 persons in the previous calendar year, the rate is \$5 per person admitted. This admission tax is imposed upon the licensed owner conducting gambling.

(1) The admission tax shall be paid for each admission.

(2) (Blank).

(3) The riverboat licensee may issue tax-free passes to actual and necessary officials and employees of the licensee or other persons actually working on the riverboat.

(4) The number and issuance of tax-free passes is subject to the rules of the Board, and a list of all persons to whom the tax-free passes are issued shall be filed with the Board.

(a-5) A fee is hereby imposed upon admissions operated by licensed managers on behalf of the State pursuant to Section 7.3 at the rates provided in this subsection (a-5). For a licensee that admitted 1,000,000 persons or fewer in

the previous calendar year, the rate is \$3 per person admitted; for a licensee that admitted more than 1,000,000 but no more than 2,300,000 persons in the previous calendar year, the rate is \$4 per person admitted; and for a licensee that admitted more than 2,300,000 persons in the previous calendar year, the rate is \$5 per person admitted.

(1) The admission fee shall be paid for each admission.

(2) (Blank).

(3) The licensed manager may issue fee-free passes to actual and necessary officials and employees of the manager or other persons actually working on the riverboat.

(4) The number and issuance of fee-free passes is subject to the rules of the Board, and a list of all persons to whom the fee-free passes are issued shall be filed with the Board.

(b) From the tax imposed under subsection (a) and the fee imposed under subsection (a-5), a municipality shall receive from the State \$1 for each person embarking on a riverboat docked within the municipality, and a county shall receive \$1 for each person embarking on a riverboat docked within the county but outside the boundaries of any municipality. The municipality's or county's share shall be collected by the Board on behalf of the State and remitted quarterly by the State, subject to appropriation, to the treasurer of the unit of local government for deposit in the general fund.

(c) The licensed owner shall pay the entire admission tax to the Board and the licensed manager shall pay the entire admission fee to the Board. Such payments shall be made daily. Accompanying each payment shall be a return on forms provided by the Board which shall include other information regarding admissions as the Board may require.

Failure to submit either the payment or the return within the specified time may result in suspension or revocation of the owners or managers license.

(d) The Board shall administer and collect the admission tax imposed by this Section, to the extent practicable, in a manner consistent with the provisions of Sections 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5i, 5j, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 8, 9 and 10 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act.

(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99; 92-595, eff. 6-28-02.)

(230 ILCS 10/13) (from Ch. 120, par. 2413)

Sec. 13. Wagering tax; rate; distribution.

(a) Until January 1, 1998, a tax is imposed on the adjusted gross receipts received from gambling games authorized under this Act at the rate of 20%.

From January 1, 1998 until July 1, 2002, a privilege tax is imposed on persons engaged in the business of conducting riverboat gambling operations, based on the adjusted gross receipts received by a licensed owner from gambling games authorized under this Act at the following rates:

15% of annual adjusted gross receipts up to and including \$25,000,000;

20% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$25,000,000 but not exceeding \$50,000,000;

25% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$50,000,000 but not exceeding \$75,000,000;

30% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$75,000,000 but not exceeding \$100,000,000;

35% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$100,000,000.

Beginning July 1, 2002, a privilege tax is imposed on persons engaged in the business of conducting riverboat gambling operations, other than licensed managers conducting

riverboat gambling operations on behalf of the State, based on the adjusted gross receipts received by a licensed owner from gambling games authorized under this Act at the following rates:

15% of annual adjusted gross receipts up to and including \$25,000,000;

22.5% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$25,000,000 but not exceeding \$50,000,000;

27.5% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$50,000,000 but not exceeding \$75,000,000;

32.5% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$75,000,000 but not exceeding \$100,000,000;

37.5% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$100,000,000 but not exceeding \$150,000,000;

45% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$150,000,000 but not exceeding \$200,000,000;

50% of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of \$200,000,000.

Riverboat gambling operations conducted by a licensed manager on behalf of the State are not subject to the tax imposed under this Section.

The taxes imposed by this Section shall be paid by the licensed owner to the Board not later than 3:00 o'clock p.m. of the day after the day when the wagers were made.

(b) Until January 1, 1998, 25% of the tax revenue deposited in the State Gaming Fund under this Section shall be paid, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, to the unit of local government which is designated as the home dock of the riverboat. Beginning January 1, 1998, from the tax revenue deposited in the State Gaming Fund under this Section, an amount equal to 5% of adjusted gross receipts generated by a riverboat shall be paid monthly, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, to the unit of local government that is designated as the home dock of the

riverboat. From the tax revenue deposited in the State Gaming Fund pursuant to riverboat gambling operations conducted by a licensed manager on behalf of the State, an amount equal to 5% of adjusted gross receipts generated pursuant to those riverboat gambling operations shall be paid monthly, subject to appropriation by the General Assembly, to the unit of local government that is designated as the home dock of the riverboat upon which those riverboat gambling operations are conducted.

(c) Appropriations, as approved by the General Assembly, may be made from the State Gaming Fund to the Department of Revenue and the Department of State Police for the administration and enforcement of this Act.

(c-5) After the payments required under subsections (b) and (c) have been made, an amount equal to 15% of the adjusted gross receipts of (1) an owners licensee a-riverboat ~~(1)~~ that relocates pursuant to Section 11.2, ~~or~~ (2) an owners license conducting riverboat gambling operations pursuant to ~~for--which~~ an owners license that is initially issued after June 25, the-effective-date-of-this-amendatory-Act--of 1999, or (3) the first riverboat gambling operations conducted by a licensed manager on behalf of the State under Section 7.2, whichever comes first, shall be paid from the State Gaming Fund into the Horse Racing Equity Fund.

(c-10) Each year the General Assembly shall appropriate from the General Revenue Fund to the Education Assistance Fund an amount equal to the amount paid into the Horse Racing Equity Fund pursuant to subsection (c-5) in the prior calendar year.

(c-15) After the payments required under subsections (b), (c), and (c-5) have been made, an amount equal to 2% of the adjusted gross receipts of (1) an owners licensee a ~~riverboat-(1)~~ that relocates pursuant to Section 11.2, ~~or~~ (2) an owners licensee conducting riverboat gambling operations

pursuant to ~~for--which~~ an owners license that is initially issued after June 25, ~~the-effective-date-of--this--amendatory Act--of~~ 1999, or (3) the first riverboat gambling operations conducted by a licensed manager on behalf of the State under Section 7.2, whichever comes first, shall be paid, subject to appropriation from the General Assembly, from the State Gaming Fund to each home rule county with a population of over 3,000,000 inhabitants for the purpose of enhancing the county's criminal justice system.

(c-20) Each year the General Assembly shall appropriate from the General Revenue Fund to the Education Assistance Fund an amount equal to the amount paid to each home rule county with a population of over 3,000,000 inhabitants pursuant to subsection (c-15) in the prior calendar year.

(c-25) After the payments required under subsections (b), (c), (c-5) and (c-15) have been made, an amount equal to 2% of the adjusted gross receipts of (1) an owners license a ~~riverboat-(1)~~ that relocates pursuant to Section 11.2, ~~or~~ (2) an owners license conducting riverboat gambling operations pursuant to ~~for--which~~ an owners license that is initially issued after June 25, ~~the-effective-date-of--this--amendatory Act--of~~ 1999, or (3) the first riverboat gambling operations conducted by a licensed manager on behalf of the State under Section 7.2, whichever comes first, shall be paid from the State Gaming Fund to Chicago State University into-the-State Universities-Athletic-Capital-Improvement-Fund.

(d) From time to time, the Board shall transfer the remainder of the funds generated by this Act into the Education Assistance Fund, created by Public Act 86-0018, of the State of Illinois.

(e) Nothing in this Act shall prohibit the unit of local government designated as the home dock of the riverboat from entering into agreements with other units of local government in this State or in other states to share its portion of the

tax revenue.

(f) To the extent practicable, the Board shall administer and collect the wagering taxes imposed by this Section in a manner consistent with the provisions of Sections 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5i, 5j, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 8, 9, and 10 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act.

(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99; 92-595, eff. 6-28-02.)

(230 ILCS 10/15) (from Ch. 120, par. 2415)

Sec. 15. Audit of Licensee Operations. Within 90 days after the end of each quarter of each fiscal year, the licensed owner or manager shall transmit to the Board an audit of the financial transactions and condition of the licensee's total operations. All audits shall be conducted by certified public accountants selected by the Board. Each certified public accountant must be registered in the State of Illinois under the Illinois Public Accounting Act. The compensation for each certified public accountant shall be paid directly by the licensed owner or manager to the certified public accountant.

(Source: P.A. 86-1029; 86-1389.)

(230 ILCS 10/23) (from Ch. 120, par. 2423)

Sec. 23. The State Gaming Fund. On or after the effective date of this Act, all of the fees and taxes collected pursuant to subsections of this Act shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund, a special fund in the State Treasury, which is hereby created. The adjusted gross receipts of any riverboat gambling operations conducted by a licensed manager on behalf of the State remaining after the payment of the fees and expenses of the licensed manager shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund. Fines and penalties collected pursuant to this Act shall be deposited

into the Education Assistance Fund, created by Public Act 86-0018, of the State of Illinois.

(Source: P.A. 86-1029.)

Section 15. "An Act in relation to gambling, amending named Acts", approved June 25, 1999, Public Act 91-40, is amended by changing Section 30 as follows:

(P.A. 91-40, Sec. 30)

Sec. 30. Severability. If any provision of this Act (Public Act 91-40) or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, that invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable. This severability applies without regard to whether the action challenging the validity was brought before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

~~Inseverability.---The-provisions-of-this-Act-are-mutually dependent-and-inseverable.---If-any-provision-is-held--invalid other-than-as-applied-to-a-particular-person-or-circumstance, then-this-entire-Act-is-invalid.~~

(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)

Section 97. Severability. In accordance with Section 1.31 of the Statute on Statutes, the provisions of this Act are severable. If any provision of this amendatory Act, or the application of any provision of this amendatory Act to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this amendatory Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and the application of this amendatory Act to persons or circumstances other than those

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as to which it is held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

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