

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2019 and 2020 SB3286

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230	ILCS	10/5.1	from	Ch.	120,	par.	2405.1
230	ILCS	10/7	from	Ch.	120,	par.	2407
230	ILCS	10/7.6					
230	ILCS	10/7.7					
230	ILCS	10/8	from	Ch.	120,	par.	2408
230	ILCS	40/15					
230	ILCS	40/80					

Amends the Illinois Gambling Act. Makes changes to the information the Illinois Gaming Board requires from applicants and licensees. Provides that a qualifying owners licensee may obtain up to the maximum of 2,000 additional gaming positions at any time. Provides that payment for additional gaming positions may be made on a monthly basis, subject to payment schedules specified by the Board. Removes language requiring an owners licensee to reserve gaming positions within 30 days of the effective date of Public Act 101-31, with a 30-day extension approved by the Board. Provides that the Board shall file its report concerning the business enterprise program no later than July 1 of each year (rather than March 1). Provides that an applicant for a suppliers license that holds a specified license under the Video Gaming Act shall not be subject to additional Board investigations as a condition for licensure, except by vote of the Board. Makes conforming changes in and further amends the Video Gaming Act. Allows the Board to impose a fee to an establishment authorized to conduct video gaming under the Act or a terminal operator to cover the costs of operating the central communications system. Makes other changes.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

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

- Section 5. The Illinois Gambling Act is amended by changing

 Sections 5.1, 7, 7.6, 7.7, and 8 as follows:
- 6 (230 ILCS 10/5.1) (from Ch. 120, par. 2405.1)
- 7 Sec. 5.1. Disclosure of records.
- 8 (a) Notwithstanding any applicable statutory provision to
 9 the contrary, the Board shall, on written request from any
 10 person, provide information furnished by an applicant or
 11 licensee concerning the applicant or licensee, his products,
 12 services or gambling enterprises and his business holdings, as
 13 follows:
- 14 (1) The name, business address and business telephone 15 number of any applicant or licensee.
- (2) An identification of any applicant or licensee 16 17 if applicant or licensee including, an is not individual, the state of incorporation or registration and 18 19 names of the corporate officers, directors, and 20 stockholders, if the entity is a corporation; the state of 21 formation and names of all members, if the entity is a 22 limited liability company; the names of all partners, both general and limited, if the entity is a partnership; and 2.3

the names of all participants in the trust, if the entity is a trust the names and addresses of all stockholders and directors, if the entity is a corporation; the names and addresses of all members, if the entity is a limited liability company; the names and addresses of all partners, both general and limited, if the entity is a partnership; and the names and addresses of all beneficiaries, if the entity is a trust. If an applicant or licensee has a pending registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, only the names of those persons or entities holding interest of 5% or more must be provided.

- (3) An identification of any business, including, if applicable, the state of incorporation or registration, in which an applicant or licensee or an applicant's or licensee's spouse or children has an equity interest of more than 1%. If an applicant or licensee is a corporation, partnership or other business entity, the applicant or licensee shall identify any other corporation, partnership or business entity in which it has an equity interest of 1% or more, including, if applicable, the state of incorporation or registration. This information need not be provided by a corporation, partnership or other business entity that has a pending registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (4) Whether an applicant or licensee has been indicted, convicted, pleaded guilty or nolo contendere, or forfeited

bail concerning any criminal offense under the laws of any jurisdiction, either felony or misdemeanor (except for traffic violations), including the date, the name and location of the court, arresting agency and prosecuting agency, the case number, the offense, the disposition and the location and length of incarceration.

- (5) Whether an applicant or licensee has had any license or certificate issued by a licensing authority in Illinois or any other jurisdiction denied, restricted, suspended, revoked or not renewed and a statement describing the facts and circumstances concerning the denial, restriction, suspension, revocation or non-renewal, including the licensing authority, the date each such action was taken, and the reason for each such action.
- (6) Whether an applicant or licensee has ever filed or had filed against it a proceeding in bankruptcy or has ever been involved in any formal process to adjust, defer, suspend or otherwise work out the payment of any debt including the date of filing, the name and location of the court, the case and number of the disposition.
- (7) Whether an applicant or licensee has filed, or been served with a complaint or other notice filed with any public body, regarding the delinquency in the payment of, or a dispute over the filings concerning the payment of, any tax required under federal, State or local law,

including the amount, type of tax, the taxing agency and time periods involved.

- (8) A statement listing the names and titles of all public officials or officers of any unit of government, and relatives of said public officials or officers who, directly or indirectly, own any financial interest in, have any beneficial interest in, are the creditors of or hold any debt instrument issued by, or hold or have any interest in any contractual or service relationship with, an applicant or licensee.
- (9) Whether an applicant or licensee has made, directly or indirectly, any political contribution, or any loans, donations or other payments, to any candidate or office holder, within 5 years from the date of filing the application, including the amount and the method of payment.
- (10) The name and business telephone number of the counsel representing an applicant or licensee in matters before the Board.
- (11) A description of any proposed or approved gambling operation, including the type of boat, home dock, or casino or gaming location, expected economic benefit to the community, anticipated or actual number of employees, any statement from an applicant or licensee regarding compliance with federal and State affirmative action guidelines, projected or actual admissions and projected

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- or actual adjusted gross gaming receipts.
- 2 (12) A description of the product or service to be 3 supplied by an applicant for a supplier's license.
- 4 (b) Notwithstanding any applicable statutory provision to
 5 the contrary, the Board shall, on written request from any
 6 person, also provide the following information:
 - (1) The amount of the wagering tax and admission tax paid daily to the State of Illinois by the holder of an owner's license.
 - (2) Whenever the Board finds an applicant for an owner's license unsuitable for licensing, a copy of the written letter outlining the reasons for the denial.
 - (3) Whenever the Board has refused to grant leave for an applicant to withdraw his application, a copy of the letter outlining the reasons for the refusal.
 - (c) Subject to the above provisions, the Board shall not disclose any information which would be barred by:
 - (1) Section 7 of the Freedom of Information Act; or
- 19 (2) The statutes, rules, regulations or 20 intergovernmental agreements of any jurisdiction.
- 21 (d) The Board may assess fees for the copying of 22 information in accordance with Section 6 of the Freedom of 23 Information Act.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)
- 25 (230 ILCS 10/7) (from Ch. 120, par. 2407)

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1 Sec. 7. Owners licenses.

(a) The Board shall issue owners licenses to persons or entities that apply for such licenses upon payment to the Board of the non-refundable license fee as provided in subsection (e) or (e-5) 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. From the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly until (i) 3 years after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly, (ii) the date any organization licensee begins to operate a slot machine or video game of chance under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 or this Act, (iii) the date that payments begin under subsection (c-5) of Section 13 of this the Act, (iv) the wagering tax imposed under Section 13 of this Act is increased by law to reflect a tax rate that is at least as stringent or more stringent than the tax rate contained in subsection (a-3) of Section 13, or (v) when an owners licensee holding a license issued pursuant to Section 7.1 of this Act begins conducting gaming, whichever occurs first, as a condition of licensure and as an alternative source of payment for those funds payable under subsection (c-5) of Section 13 of this Act, any owners licensee that holds or receives its owners license on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 94th General Assembly, other than an owners licensee operating a riverboat with adjusted gross receipts in calendar year 2004 of less than \$200,000,000, must

1	pay into the Horse Racing Equity Trust Fund, in addition to any
2	other payments required under this Act, an amount equal to 3%
3	of the adjusted gross receipts received by the owners licensee.
4	The payments required under this Section shall be made by the
5	owners licensee to the State Treasurer no later than 3:00
6	o'clock p.m. of the day after the day when the adjusted gross
7	receipts were received by the owners licensee. A person or

entity 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 the Criminal Code of 2012, 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 entity;
- (6) the entity 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 or entity issued under this Act, or a license to own or operate gambling facilities in any other jurisdiction, has been revoked.

The Board is expressly prohibited from making changes to
the requirement that licensees make payment into the Horse
Racing Equity Trust Fund without the express authority of the
Illinois General Assembly and making any other rule to
implement or interpret this amendatory Act of the 95th General
Assembly. For the purposes of this paragraph, "rules" is given
the meaning given to that term in Section 1-70 of the Illinois
Administrative Procedure Act.

- (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 gambling;
 - (3) the highest prospective total revenue to be derived by the State from the conduct of gambling;
 - (4) the extent to which the ownership of the applicant reflects the diversity of the State by including minority persons, women, and persons with a disability and the good faith affirmative action plan of each applicant to recruit,

train and upgrade minority persons, women, and persons with a disability in all employment classifications; the Board shall further consider granting an owners license and giving preference to an applicant under this Section to applicants in which minority persons and women hold ownership interest of at least 16% and 4%, respectively.

- (4.5) the extent to which the ownership of the applicant includes veterans of service in the armed forces of the United States, and the good faith affirmative action plan of each applicant to recruit, train, and upgrade veterans of service in the armed forces of the United States 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 or casino;
- (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;
 - (8) the amount of the applicant's license bid;
- (9) the extent to which the applicant or the proposed host municipality plans to enter into revenue sharing agreements with communities other than the host municipality; and
 - (10) the extent to which the ownership of an applicant

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- includes the most qualified number of minority persons,
 women, and persons with a disability.
 - (c) Each owners license shall specify the place where the casino shall operate or the riverboat shall operate and dock.
 - (d) Each applicant shall submit with his <u>or her</u> application, on forms provided by the Board, 2 sets of his <u>or her</u> fingerprints.
 - (e) In addition to any licenses authorized under subsection (e-5) of this Section, 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 was docked on August 7, 2003 and with Board approval, be authorized to relocate to a new location, 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 $(2)_{7}$ on August 7, 2003, had 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 from a home dock in the City of Alton. One other

license shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Illinois River in the City of East Peoria or, with Board approval, shall authorize land-based gambling operations anywhere within the corporate limits of the City of Peoria. 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. The fee for issuance or renewal of a

1	license	pursuant	to	this	subsection	(e)	shall	be	\$250	,000.

- 2 (e-5) In addition to licenses authorized under subsection 3 (e) of this Section:
 - (1) the Board may issue one owners license authorizing the conduct of casino gambling in the City of Chicago;
 - (2) the Board may issue one owners license authorizing the conduct of riverboat gambling in the City of Danville;
 - (3) the Board may issue one owners license authorizing the conduct of riverboat gambling located in the City of Waukegan;
 - (4) the Board may issue one owners license authorizing the conduct of riverboat gambling in the City of Rockford;
 - (5) the Board may issue one owners license authorizing the conduct of riverboat gambling in a municipality that is wholly or partially located in one of the following townships of Cook County: Bloom, Bremen, Calumet, Rich, Thornton, or Worth Township; and
 - (6) the Board may issue one owners license authorizing the conduct of riverboat gambling in the unincorporated area of Williamson County adjacent to the Big Muddy River.

Except for the license authorized under paragraph (1), each application for a license pursuant to this subsection (e-5) shall be submitted to the Board no later than 120 days after <u>June 28, 2019</u> (the effective date of <u>Public Act 101-31)</u> this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. All applications for a license under this subsection (e-5) shall include the

nonrefundable application fee and the nonrefundable background investigation fee as provided in subsection (d) of Section 6 of this Act. In the event that an applicant submits an application for a license pursuant to this subsection (e-5) prior to <u>June 28, 2019</u> (the effective date of <u>Public Act 101-31)</u> this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, such applicant shall submit the nonrefundable application fee and background investigation fee as provided in subsection (d) of Section 6 of this Act no later than 6 months after <u>June 28, 2019</u> (the effective date of <u>Public Act 101-31</u>) this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly.

The Board shall consider issuing a license pursuant to paragraphs (1) through (6) of this subsection only after the corporate authority of the municipality or the county board of the county in which the riverboat or casino shall be located has certified to the Board the following:

- (i) that the applicant has negotiated with the corporate authority or county board in good faith;
- (ii) that the applicant and the corporate authority or county board have mutually agreed on the permanent location of the riverboat or casino;
- (iii) that the applicant and the corporate authority or county board have mutually agreed on the temporary location of the riverboat or casino;
- (iv) that the applicant and the corporate authority or the county board have mutually agreed on the percentage of

revenues that will be shared with the municipality or county, if any;

- (v) that the applicant and the corporate authority or county board have mutually agreed on any zoning, licensing, public health, or other issues that are within the jurisdiction of the municipality or county; and
- (vi) that the corporate authority or county board has passed a resolution or ordinance in support of the riverboat or casino in the municipality or county.

At least 7 days before the corporate authority of a municipality or county board of the county submits a certification to the Board concerning items (i) through (vi) of this subsection, it shall hold a public hearing to discuss items (i) through (vi), as well as any other details concerning the proposed riverboat or casino in the municipality or county. The corporate authority or county board must subsequently memorialize the details concerning the proposed riverboat or casino in a resolution that must be adopted by a majority of the corporate authority or county board before any certification is sent to the Board. The Board shall not alter, amend, change, or otherwise interfere with any agreement between the applicant and the corporate authority of the municipality or county board of the county regarding the location of any temporary or permanent facility.

In addition, within 10 days after June 28, 2019 (the

effective date of Public Act 101-31) this amendatory Act of the

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101st General Assembly, the Board, with consent and at the expense of the City of Chicago, shall select and retain the services of a nationally recognized casino gaming feasibility consultant. Within 45 days after June 28, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-31) this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the consultant shall prepare and deliver to the Board a study concerning the feasibility of, and the ability to finance, a casino in the City of Chicago. The feasibility study shall be delivered to the Mayor of the City of Chicago, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Ninety days after receipt of the feasibility study, the Board shall make a determination, based on the results of the feasibility study, whether to recommend to the General Assembly that the terms of the license under paragraph (1) of this subsection (e-5) should be modified. The Board may begin accepting applications for the owners license under paragraph (1) of this subsection (e-5) upon the determination to issue such an owners license.

In addition, prior to the Board issuing the owners license authorized under paragraph (4) of subsection (e-5), an impact study shall be completed to determine what location in the city will provide the greater impact to the region, including the creation of jobs and the generation of tax revenue.

(e-10) The licenses authorized under subsection (e-5) of this Section shall be issued within 12 months after the date the license application is submitted. If the Board does not

issue the licenses within that time period, then the Board shall give a written explanation to the applicant as to why it has not reached a determination and when it reasonably expects to make a determination. The fee for the issuance or renewal of a license issued pursuant to this subsection (e-10) shall be \$250,000. Additionally, a licensee located outside of Cook County shall pay a minimum initial fee of \$17,500 per gaming position, and a licensee located in Cook County shall pay a minimum initial fee of \$30,000 per gaming position. The initial fees payable under this subsection (e-10) shall be deposited into the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund.

(e-15) Each licensee of a license authorized under subsection (e-5) of this Section shall make a reconciliation payment 3 years after the date the licensee begins operating in an amount equal to 75% of the adjusted gross receipts for the most lucrative 12-month period of operations, minus an amount equal to the initial payment per gaming position paid by the specific licensee. Each licensee shall pay a \$15,000,000 reconciliation fee upon issuance of an owners license. If this calculation results in a negative amount, then the licensee is not entitled to any reimbursement of fees previously paid. This reconciliation payment may be made in installments over a period of no more than 2 years, subject to Board approval. Any installment payments shall include an annual market interest rate as determined by the Board. All payments by licensees under this subsection (e-15) shall be deposited into the

- 1 Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund.
- (e-20) 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 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, except for an owners license issued under subsection (e-5) of this Section, shall entitle the licensee to own up to 2 riverboats.
- 25 An owners licensee of a casino or riverboat that is located 26 in the City of Chicago pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection

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(e-5) of this Section shall limit the number of gaming positions to 4,000 for such owner. An owners licensee authorized under subsection (e) or paragraph (2), (3), (4), or (5) of subsection (e-5) of this Section shall limit the number of gaming positions to 2,000 for any such owners license. An owners licensee authorized under paragraph (6) of subsection (e-5) of this Section shall limit the number of gaming positions to 1,200 for such owner. The initial fee for each gaming position obtained on or after June 28, 2019 (the effective date of Public Act 101-31) this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly shall be a minimum of \$17,500 for licensees not located in Cook County and a minimum of \$30,000 for licensees located in Cook County, in addition to the reconciliation payment, as set forth in subsection (e-15) of this Section. The fees under this subsection (h) shall be deposited into the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund. The fees under this subsection (h) that are paid by an owners licensee authorized under subsection (e) shall be paid by July 1, 2020.

Additional gaming positions, up to the maximum limit of 2,000 gaming positions for qualifying owners licensees, may be obtained on, before, or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly. Payment for additional gaming positions may be made on a monthly basis, subject to payment schedules specified by the Board.

Each owners licensee under subsection (e) of this Section shall reserve its gaming positions within 30 days after the

Assembly. The Board may grant an extension to this 30-day period, provided that the owners licensee submits a written request and explanation as to why it is unable to reserve its positions within the 30 day period.

Each owners licensee under subsection (e 5) of this Section shall reserve its gaming positions within 30 days after issuance of its owners license. The Board may grant an extension to this 30 day period, provided that the owners licensee submits a written request and explanation as to why it is unable to reserve its positions within the 30-day period.

A licensee may operate both of its riverboats concurrently, provided that the total number of gaming positions on both riverboats does not exceed the limit established pursuant to this subsection. 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.

(h-5) An owners licensee who conducted gambling operations prior to January 1, 2012 and obtains positions pursuant to Public Act 101-31 this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly shall make a reconciliation payment 3 years after any additional gaming positions begin operating in an amount equal to 75% of the owners licensee's average gross receipts for the most lucrative 12-month period of operations minus an amount

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equal to the initial fee that the owners licensee paid per additional gaming position. For purposes of this subsection (h-5), "average gross receipts" means (i) the increase in adjusted gross receipts for the most lucrative 12-month period of operations over the adjusted gross receipts for 2019, multiplied by (ii) the percentage derived by dividing the number of additional gaming positions that an owners licensee had obtained by the total number of gaming positions operated by the owners licensee. If this calculation results in a negative amount, then the owners licensee is not entitled to any reimbursement of fees previously paid. This reconciliation payment may be made in installments over a period of no more than 2 years, subject to Board approval. Any installment payments shall include an annual market interest rate as determined by the Board. These reconciliation payments shall be deposited into the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund.

- (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 or casino, 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 or in the casino.
 - (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.
- (k) An owners licensee may conduct land-based gambling operations upon approval by the Board and payment of a fee of \$250,000, which shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund.
- (1) An owners licensee may conduct gaming at a temporary facility pending the construction of a permanent facility or the remodeling or relocation of an existing facility to accommodate gaming participants for up to 24 months after the temporary facility begins to conduct gaming. Upon request by an owners licensee and upon a showing of good cause by the owners licensee, the Board shall extend the period during which the licensee may conduct gaming at a temporary facility by up to 12 months. The Board shall make rules concerning the conduct of gaming from temporary facilities.
- 25 (Source: P.A. 100-391, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1152, eff. 12-14-18;
- 26 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; revised 9-20-19.)

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- 1 (230 ILCS 10/7.6)
- 2 Sec. 7.6. Business enterprise program.
- (a) For the purposes of this Section, the terms "minority",

 "minority-owned business", "woman", "women-owned business",

 "person with a disability", and "business owned by a person

 with a disability" have the meanings ascribed to them in the

 Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with

 Disabilities Act.
 - (b) The Board shall, by rule, establish goals for the award of contracts by each owners licensee to businesses owned by minorities, women, and persons with disabilities, expressed as percentages of an owners licensee's total dollar amount of contracts awarded during each calendar year. Each owners licensee must make every effort to meet the goals established by the Board pursuant to this Section. When setting the goals for the award of contracts, the Board shall not include contracts where: (1) any purchasing mandates would be dependent the availabilitv of minority-owned businesses, upon women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities ready, willing, and able with capacity to provide quality goods and services to a gaming operation at reasonable prices; (2) there are no or a limited number of licensed suppliers as defined by this Act for the goods or services provided to the licensee; (3) the licensee or its parent company owns a company that provides the goods or services; or

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- 1 (4) the goods or services are provided to the licensee by a publicly traded company.
 - (c) Each owners licensee shall file with the Board an annual report of its utilization of minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with disabilities during the preceding calendar year. The reports shall include a self-evaluation of the efforts of the owners licensee to meet its goals under this Section.
 - (c-5) The Board shall, by rule, establish goals for the award of contracts by each owners licensee to businesses owned by veterans of service in the armed forces of the United States, expressed as percentages of an owners licensee's total dollar amount of contracts awarded during each calendar year. When setting the goals for the award of contracts, the Board shall not include contracts where: (1) any purchasing mandates would be dependent upon the availability of veteran-owned businesses ready, willing, and able with capacity to provide quality goods and services to a gaming operation at reasonable prices; (2) there are no or a limited number of licensed suppliers as defined in this Act for the goods or services provided to the licensee; (3) the licensee or its parent company owns a company that provides the goods or services; or (4) the goods or services are provided to the licensee by a publicly traded company.
 - Each owners licensee shall file with the Board an annual report of its utilization of veteran-owned businesses during

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- the preceding calendar year. The reports shall include a self-evaluation of the efforts of the owners licensee to meet its goals under this Section.
 - (d) The owners licensee shall have the right to request a waiver from the requirements of this Section. The Board shall grant the waiver where the owners licensee demonstrates that there has been made a good faith effort to comply with the goals for participation by minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses.
 - (e) If the Board determines that its goals and policies are not being met by any owners licensee, then the Board may:
 - (1) adopt remedies for such violations; and
 - (2)recommend that the owners licensee provide additional opportunities for participation minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and businesses; such recommendations veteran-owned may include, but shall not be limited to:
 - (A) assurances of stronger and better focused solicitation efforts to obtain more minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses as potential sources of supply;
 - (B) division of job or project requirements, when economically feasible, into tasks or quantities to

permit participation of minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses;

- (C) elimination of extended experience or capitalization requirements, when programmatically feasible, to permit participation of minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses:
- (D) identification of specific proposed contracts as particularly attractive or appropriate for participation by minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses, such identification to result from and be coupled with the efforts of items (A) through (C); and
- (E) implementation of regulations established for the use of the sheltered market process.
- (f) The Board shall file, no later than <u>July 1</u> <u>March 1</u> of each year, an annual report that shall detail the level of achievement toward the goals specified in this Section over the 3 most recent fiscal years. The annual report shall include, but need not be limited to:
- (1) a summary detailing expenditures subject to the goals, the actual goals specified, and the goals attained by each owners licensee; and

1 (2) an analysis of the level of overall goal 2 achievement concerning purchases from minority-owned 3 businesses, women-owned businesses, businesses owned by 4 persons with disabilities, and veteran-owned businesses.

5 (Source: P.A. 99-78, eff. 7-20-15; 100-391, eff. 8-25-17; 100-1152, eff. 12-14-18.)

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8 Sec. 7.7. Organization gaming licenses.

(a) The Illinois Gaming Board shall award one organization gaming license to each person or entity having operating control of a racetrack that applies under Section 56 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, subject to the application and eliqibility requirements of this Section. Within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, a person or entity having operating control of a racetrack may submit an application for an organization gaming license. The application shall be made on such forms as provided by the Board and shall contain such information as the Board prescribes, including, but not limited to, the identity of any racetrack at which gaming will be conducted pursuant to an organization gaming license, detailed information regarding the ownership and management of the applicant, and detailed personal information regarding the applicant. The application shall specify the number of gaming positions the applicant intends to use and the place where the organization gaming

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facility will operate. A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an application is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Each applicant shall disclose the identity of every person or entity having a direct or indirect pecuniary interest greater than 1% in any racetrack with respect to which the license is sought. If the disclosed entity is a corporation, the applicant shall disclose the state of incorporation or registration and names of the corporate officers, directors, and stockholders. If the disclosed entity is a limited liability company, the applicant shall disclose the state of formation and names of all members. If the disclosed entity is a general or limited partnership, the applicant shall disclose the names of all partners, both general and limited. If the entity is a trust, the applicant shall disclose the names of all participants in the trust If the disclosed entity is a corporation, the applicant shall disclose the names and addresses of all officers, stockholders, and directors. If the disclosed entity is a limited liability company, the applicant shall disclose the names and addresses of all members and managers. If the disclosed entity is a partnership, the applicant shall disclose the names and addresses of all partners, both general and limited. If the disclosed entity is trust, the applicant shall disclose the names and addresses of all beneficiaries.

An application shall be filed and considered in accordance with the rules of the Board. Each application for an

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organization gaming license shall include a nonrefundable application fee of \$250,000. In addition, a nonrefundable fee of \$50,000 shall be paid at the time of filing to defray the costs associated with background investigations conducted by the Board. If the costs of the background investigation exceed \$50,000, the applicant shall pay the additional amount to the Board within 7 days after a request by 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 this review or investigation of an applicant for an organization gaming license under this Act shall be privileged and strictly confidential and shall be used only for the purpose of evaluating an applicant for an organization gaming license or a renewal. Such information, records, interviews, 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. The application fee shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund.

Any applicant or key person, including the applicant's owners, officers, directors (if a corporation), managers and members (if a limited liability company), and partners (if a partnership), for an organization gaming license shall have his or her fingerprints submitted to the Department of State Police

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in an electronic format that complies with the form and manner 1 2 requesting and furnishing criminal history for 3 information as prescribed by the Department of State Police. These fingerprints shall be checked against the Department of 5 State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record databases now and hereafter filed, including, 6 7 but not limited to, civil, criminal, and latent fingerprint 8 The Department of State Police shall charge databases. 9 applicants a fee for conducting the criminal history records 10 check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services 11 Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. 12 The Department of State Police shall furnish, pursuant to 13 positive identification, records of Illinois criminal history 14 to the Department.

(b) The Board shall determine within 120 days after receiving an application for an organization gaming license whether to grant an organization gaming license to the applicant. If the Board does not make a determination within that time period, then the Board shall give a written explanation to the applicant as to why it has not reached a determination and when it reasonably expects to make a determination.

The organization gaming licensee shall purchase up to the amount of gaming positions authorized under this Act within 120 days after receiving its organization gaming license. If an organization gaming licensee is prepared to purchase the gaming

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positions, but is temporarily prohibited from doing so by order of a court of competent jurisdiction or the Board, then the 120-day period is tolled until a resolution is reached.

An organization gaming license shall authorize its holder to conduct gaming under this Act at its racetracks on the same days of the year and hours of the day that owners licenses are allowed to operate under approval of the Board.

An organization gaming license and any renewal of an organization gaming license shall authorize gaming pursuant to this Section for a period of 4 years. The fee for the issuance or renewal of an organization gaming license shall be \$250,000.

All payments by licensees under this subsection (b) shall be deposited into the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund.

(c) To be eligible to conduct gaming under this Section, a person or entity having operating control of a racetrack must obtain an organization gaming license, (ii) hold an organization license under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, (iii) hold an inter-track wagering license, (iv) pay an initial fee of \$30,000 per gaming position from organization gaming licensees where gaming is conducted in Cook County and, except as provided in subsection (c-5), \$17,500 for organization gaming licensees where gaming is conducted outside of Cook County before beginning to conduct gaming plus make the reconciliation payment required under subsection (k), (v) conduct live racing in accordance with subsections (e-1), (e-2), and (e-3) of Section 20 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act

of 1975, (vi) meet the requirements of subsection (a) of Section 56 of the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, (vii) for organization licensees conducting standardbred race meetings, keep backstretch barns and dormitories open and operational year-round unless a lesser schedule is mutually agreed to by the organization licensee and the horsemen association racing at that organization licensee's race meeting, (viii) for organization licensees conducting thoroughbred race meetings, the organization licensee must maintain accident medical expense liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 for jockeys, and (ix) meet all other requirements of this Act that apply to owners licensees.

An organization gaming licensee may enter into a joint venture with a licensed owner to own, manage, conduct, or otherwise operate the organization gaming licensee's organization gaming facilities, unless the organization gaming licensee has a parent company or other affiliated company that is, directly or indirectly, wholly owned by a parent company that is also licensed to conduct organization gaming, casino gaming, or their equivalent in another state.

All payments by licensees under this subsection (c) shall be deposited into the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund.

(c-5) A person or entity having operating control of a racetrack located in Madison County shall only pay the initial fees specified in subsection (c) for 540 of the gaming positions authorized under the license.

1	(d)	A	person	or	entity	is	ineligible	to	receive	an
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- (1) the person or entity has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State, any other state, or the United States, including a conviction under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act;
- (2) the person or entity has been convicted of any violation of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 2012, or substantially similar laws of any other jurisdiction;
- (3) the person or entity has submitted an application for a license under this Act that contains false information;
 - (4) the person is a member of the Board;
- (5) a person defined in (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection (d) is an officer, director, or managerial employee of the entity;
- (6) the person or entity employs a person defined in (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection (d) who participates in the management or operation of gambling operations authorized under this Act; or
- (7) a license of the person or entity issued under this Act or a license to own or operate gambling facilities in any other jurisdiction has been revoked.
- (e) The Board may approve gaming positions pursuant to an organization gaming license statewide as provided in this Section. The authority to operate gaming positions under this

Section shall be allocated as follows: up to 1,200 gaming positions for any organization gaming licensee in Cook County and up to 900 gaming positions for any organization gaming licensee outside of Cook County.

(f) Each applicant for an organization gaming license shall specify in its application for licensure the number of gaming positions it will operate, up to the applicable limitation set forth in subsection (e) of this Section. Any unreserved gaming positions that are not specified shall be forfeited and retained by the Board. For the purposes of this subsection (f), an organization gaming licensee that did not conduct live racing in 2010 and is located within 3 miles of the Mississippi River may reserve up to 900 positions and shall not be penalized under this Section for not operating those positions until it meets the requirements of subsection (e) of this Section, but such licensee shall not request unreserved gaming positions under this subsection (f) until its 900 positions are all operational.

Thereafter, the Board shall publish the number of unreserved gaming positions and shall accept requests for additional positions from any organization gaming licensee that initially reserved all of the positions that were offered. The Board shall allocate expeditiously the unreserved gaming positions to requesting organization gaming licensees in a manner that maximizes revenue to the State. The Board may allocate any such unused gaming positions pursuant to an open

and competitive bidding process, as provided under Section 7.5 of this Act. This process shall continue until all unreserved gaming positions have been purchased. All positions obtained pursuant to this process and all positions the organization gaming licensee specified it would operate in its application must be in operation within 18 months after they were obtained or the organization gaming licensee forfeits the right to operate those positions, but is not entitled to a refund of any fees paid. The Board may, after holding a public hearing, grant extensions so long as the organization gaming licensee is working in good faith to make the positions operational. The extension may be for a period of 6 months. If, after the period of the extension, the organization gaming licensee has not made the positions operational, then another public hearing must be held by the Board before it may grant another extension.

Unreserved gaming positions retained from and allocated to organization gaming licensees by the Board pursuant to this subsection (f) shall not be allocated to owners licensees under this Act.

For the purpose of this subsection (f), the unreserved gaming positions for each organization gaming licensee shall be the applicable limitation set forth in subsection (e) of this Section, less the number of reserved gaming positions by such organization gaming licensee, and the total unreserved gaming positions shall be the aggregate of the unreserved gaming positions for all organization gaming licensees.

- 1 (g) An organization gaming licensee is authorized to conduct the following at a racetrack:
 - (1) slot machine gambling;
 - (2) video game of chance gambling;
- 5 (3) gambling with electronic gambling games as defined 6 in this Act or defined by the Illinois Gaming Board; and
 - (4) table games.
 - (h) Subject to the approval of the Illinois Gaming Board, an organization gaming licensee may make modification or additions to any existing buildings and structures to comply with the requirements of this Act. The Illinois Gaming Board shall make its decision after consulting with the Illinois Racing Board. In no case, however, shall the Illinois Gaming Board approve any modification or addition that alters the grounds of the organization licensee such that the act of live racing is an ancillary activity to gaming authorized under this Section. Gaming authorized under this Section may take place in existing structures where inter-track wagering is conducted at the racetrack or a facility within 300 yards of the racetrack in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.
 - (i) An organization gaming licensee may conduct gaming at a temporary facility pending the construction of a permanent facility or the remodeling or relocation of an existing facility to accommodate gaming participants for up to 24 months after the temporary facility begins to conduct gaming

authorized under this Section. Upon request by an organization gaming licensee and upon a showing of good cause by the organization gaming licensee, the Board shall extend the period during which the licensee may conduct gaming authorized under this Section at a temporary facility by up to 12 months. The Board shall make rules concerning the conduct of gaming authorized under this Section from temporary facilities.

The gaming authorized under this Section may take place in existing structures where inter-track wagering is conducted at the racetrack or a facility within 300 yards of the racetrack in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.

- (i-5) Under no circumstances shall an organization gaming licensee conduct gaming at any State or county fair.
 - (j) The Illinois Gaming Board must adopt emergency rules in accordance with Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act as necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly concerning the conduct of gaming by an organization gaming licensee. The adoption of emergency rules authorized by this subsection (j) shall be deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.
 - (k) Each organization gaming licensee who obtains gaming positions must make a reconciliation payment 3 years after the date the organization gaming licensee begins operating the positions in an amount equal to 75% of the difference between

- its adjusted gross receipts from gaming authorized under this 1 2 Section and amounts paid to its purse accounts pursuant to item (1) of subsection (b) of Section 56 of the Illinois Horse 3 Racing Act of 1975 for the 12-month period for which such 4 5 difference was the largest, minus an amount equal to the initial per position fee paid by the organization gaming 6 7 licensee. If this calculation results in a negative amount, 8 then the organization gaming licensee is not entitled to any 9 reimbursement of fees previously paid. This reconciliation 10 payment may be made in installments over a period of no more 11 than 2 years, subject to Board approval. Any installment 12 payments shall include an annual market interest rate as 13 determined by the Board.
- All payments by licensees under this subsection (k) shall be deposited into the Rebuild Illinois Projects Fund.
- 16 (1) As soon as practical after a request is made by the
 17 Illinois Gaming Board, to minimize duplicate submissions by the
 18 applicant, the Illinois Racing Board must provide information
 19 on an applicant for an organization gaming license to the
 20 Illinois Gaming Board.
- 21 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 101-597, eff. 12-6-19.)
- 22 (230 ILCS 10/8) (from Ch. 120, par. 2408)
- Sec. 8. Suppliers licenses.
- 24 (a) The Board may issue a suppliers license to such 25 persons, firms or corporations which apply therefor upon the

payment of a non-refundable application fee set by the Board,
upon a determination by the Board that the applicant is
eligible for a suppliers license and upon payment of a \$5,000
annual license fee. Subject to the provisions of this Section,
an applicant for a suppliers license that holds a license as a
manufacturer, distributor, or supplier under the Video Gamino
Act shall not be subject to additional Board investigation as a
condition for a suppliers license under this Act, except by
vote of the Board.

- (b) The holder of a suppliers license is authorized to sell or lease, and to contract to sell or lease, gambling equipment and supplies to any licensee involved in the ownership or management of gambling operations.
- (c) Gambling supplies and equipment may not be distributed unless supplies and equipment conform to standards adopted by rules of the Board.
 - (d) A person, firm or corporation is ineligible to receive a suppliers 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 the Criminal Code of 2012, 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;

- 1 (4) the person is a member of the Board;
- 2 (5) the entity is one in which a person defined in (1),
- 3 (2), (3) or (4), is an officer, director or managerial employee;
 - (6) the firm or corporation employs a person who participates in the management or operation of gambling authorized under this Act;
 - (7) the 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.
 - (e) Any person that supplies any equipment, devices, or supplies to a licensed gambling operation must first obtain a suppliers license. A supplier shall furnish to the Board a list of all equipment, devices and supplies offered for sale or lease in connection with gambling games authorized under this Act. A supplier shall keep books and records for the furnishing of equipment, devices and supplies to gambling operations separate and distinct from any other business that the supplier might operate. A supplier shall file a quarterly return with the Board listing all sales and leases. A supplier shall permanently affix its name or a distinctive logo or other mark or design element identifying the manufacturer or supplier to all its equipment, devices, and supplies, except gaming chips without a value impressed, engraved, or imprinted on it, for gambling operations. The Board may waive this requirement for

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any specific product or products if it determines that the 1 2 requirement is not necessary to protect the integrity of the game. Items purchased from a licensed supplier may continue to 3 be used even though the supplier subsequently changes its name, 4 5 distinctive logo, or other mark or design element; undergoes a 6 change in ownership; or ceases to be licensed as a supplier for any reason. Any supplier's equipment, devices or supplies which 7 8 are used by any person in an unauthorized gambling operation 9 shall be forfeited to the State. A holder of an owners license 10 or an organization gaming license may own its own equipment, 11 devices and supplies. Each holder of an owners license or an 12 organization gaming license under the Act shall file an annual 13 report listing its inventories of gambling equipment, devices 14 and supplies.

- (f) Any person who knowingly makes a false statement on an application is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
- 17 (g) Any gambling equipment, devices and supplies provided
 18 by any licensed supplier may either be repaired on the
 19 riverboat, in the casino, or at the organization gaming
 20 facility or removed from the riverboat, casino, or organization
 21 gaming facility to a facility owned by the holder of an owners
 22 license, organization gaming license, or suppliers license for
 23 repair.
- 24 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)
- 25 Section 10. The Video Gaming Act is amended by changing

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Sections 15 and 80 as follows:

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15. Minimum requirements for licensing registration. Every video gaming terminal offered for play shall first be tested and approved pursuant to the rules of the Board, and each video gaming terminal offered in this State for play shall conform to an approved model. For the examination of video gaming machines and associated equipment as required by Section, the Board shall utilize the services of independent outside testing laboratories that have been accredited in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 by an accreditation body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Agreement Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition signifying they are qualified to perform such examinations. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Board shall consider the licensing of independent outside testing in laboratory applicants accordance with procedures established by the Board by rule. The Board shall not withhold its approval of an independent outside testing laboratory license applicant that has been accredited as required by this Section and is licensed in gaming jurisdictions comparable to Illinois. Upon the finalization of required rules, the Board shall license independent testing laboratories and accept the test reports of any licensed testing laboratory of the video gaming machine's or associated equipment manufacturer's

- choice, notwithstanding the existence of contracts between the Board and any independent testing laboratory. Every video gaming terminal offered in this State for play must meet minimum standards approved by the Board. Each approved model shall, at a minimum, meet the following criteria:
 - (1) It must conform to all requirements of federal law and regulations, including FCC Class A Emissions Standards.
 - (2) It must theoretically pay out a mathematically demonstrable percentage during the expected lifetime of the machine of all amounts played, which must not be less than 80%. The Board shall establish a maximum payout percentage for approved models by rule. Video gaming terminals that may be affected by skill must meet this standard when using a method of play that will provide the greatest return to the player over a period of continuous play.
 - (3) It must use a random selection process to determine the outcome of each play of a game. The random selection process must meet 99% confidence limits using a standard chi-squared test for (randomness) goodness of fit.
 - (4) It must display an accurate representation of the game outcome.
 - (5) It must not automatically alter pay tables or any function of the video gaming terminal based on internal computation of hold percentage or have any means of

- 1 manipulation that affects the random selection process or 2 probabilities of winning a game.
 - (6) It must not be adversely affected by static discharge or other electromagnetic interference.
 - (7) It must be capable of detecting and displaying the following conditions during idle states or on demand: power reset; door open; and door just closed.
 - (8) It must have the capacity to display complete play history (outcome, intermediate play steps, credits available, bets placed, credits paid, and credits cashed out) for the most recent game played and 10 games prior thereto.
 - (9) The theoretical payback percentage of a video gaming terminal must not be capable of being changed without making a hardware or software change in the video gaming terminal, either on site or via the central communications system.
 - (10) Video gaming terminals must be designed so that replacement of parts or modules required for normal maintenance does not necessitate replacement of the electromechanical meters.
 - (11) It must have nonresettable meters housed in a locked area of the terminal that keep a permanent record of all cash inserted into the machine, all winnings made by the terminal printer, credits played in for video gaming terminals, and credits won by video gaming players. The

video gaming terminal must provide the means for on-demand display of stored information as determined by the Board.

- (12) Electronically stored meter information required by this Section must be preserved for a minimum of 180 days after a power loss to the service.
- (13) It must have one or more mechanisms that accept cash in the form of bills. The mechanisms shall be designed to prevent obtaining credits without paying by stringing, slamming, drilling, or other means. If such attempts at physical tampering are made, the video gaming terminal shall suspend itself from operating until reset.
- (14) It shall have accounting software that keeps an electronic record which includes, but is not limited to, the following: total cash inserted into the video gaming terminal; the value of winning tickets claimed by players; the total credits played; the total credits awarded by a video gaming terminal; and pay back percentage credited to players of each video game.
- (15) It shall be linked by a central communications system to provide auditing program information as approved by the Board. The central communications system shall use a standard industry protocol, as defined by the Gaming Standards Association, and shall have the functionality to enable the Board or its designee to activate or deactivate individual gaming devices from the central communications system. In no event may the communications system approved

by the Board limit participation to only one manufacturer of video gaming terminals by either the cost in implementing the necessary program modifications to communicate or the inability to communicate with the central communications system. The Board may impose a fee, payable in equal parts by (i) a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment; and (ii) a terminal operator with which one of the entities listed in item (i) has entered into a use agreement, to cover costs of operating the central communications system.

(16) The Board, in its discretion, may require video gaming terminals to display Amber Alert messages if the Board makes a finding that it would be economically and technically feasible and pose no risk to the integrity and security of the central communications system and video gaming terminals.

Licensed terminal handlers shall have access to video gaming terminals, including, but not limited to, logic door access, without the physical presence or supervision of the Board or its agent to perform, in coordination with and with project approval from the central communication system provider:

(i) the clearing of the random access memory and reprogramming of the video gaming terminal;

- 1 (ii) the installation of new video gaming terminal 2 software and software upgrades that have been approved by 3 the Board;
 - (iii) the placement, connection to the central communication system, and go-live operation of video gaming terminals at a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment;
 - (iv) the repair and maintenance of a video gaming terminal located at a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment, including, but not limited to, the replacement of the video gaming terminal with a new video gaming terminal;
 - (v) the temporary movement, disconnection, replacement, and reconnection of video gaming terminals to allow for physical improvements and repairs at a licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans establishment, such as replacement of flooring, interior repairs, and other similar activities; and
 - (vi) such other functions as the Board may otherwise authorize.

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The Board shall, at a licensed terminal operator's expense, cause all keys and other required devices to be provided to a terminal operator necessary to allow the licensed terminal handler access to the logic door to the terminal operator's video gaming terminals.

The Board may adopt rules to establish additional criteria to preserve the integrity and security of video gaming in this State. The central communications system vendor may be licensed as a video gaming terminal manufacturer or a video gaming terminal distributor, or both, but in no event shall the central communications system vendor be licensed as a video gaming terminal operator.

The Board shall not permit the development of information or the use by any licensee of gaming device or individual game performance data. Nothing in this Act shall inhibit or prohibit the Board from the use of gaming device or individual game performance data in its regulatory duties. The Board shall adopt rules to ensure that all licensees are treated and all licensees act in a non-discriminatory manner and develop processes and penalties to enforce those rules.

21 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)

22 (230 ILCS 40/80)

Sec. 80. Applicability of Illinois Gambling Act. The provisions of the Illinois Gambling Act, and all rules promulgated thereunder, shall apply to the Video Gaming Act,

except where there is a conflict between the 2 Acts. In the 1 2 event of a conflict between the 2 Acts, the provisions of the 3 Illinois Gambling Act shall prevail. All current supplier licensees under the Illinois Gambling Act shall not be subject 4 5 to additional Board investigation as a condition for licensure as manufacturers, distributors, or suppliers, except by vote of 6 7 the Board, provided that the Board shall conduct a background 8 investigation of current supplier licensees under the Illinois 9 Gambling Act that have applied for licensure as manufacturers, 10 distributors, or suppliers under this Act with respect to all 11 topics of investigation listed in subsection (b) of Section 45 12 of this Act for which the applicants have previously not been subject to Board investigation, and provided further that these 13 14 applicants shall be required to disclose all information required to be submitted under subsection (c) of Section 45 of 15 16 this Act that they have not previously disclosed to the Board 17 be entitled to licensure under the Video Gaming Act as 18 manufacturers, distributors, or suppliers without additional 19 Board investigation or approval, except by vote of the Board; 20 however, they are required to pay application and annual fees 21 under this Act. All provisions of the Uniform Penalty and 22 Interest Act shall apply, as far as practicable, to the subject matter of this Act to the same extent as if such provisions 23 were included herein. 24

(Source: P.A. 100-1152, eff. 12-14-18; 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)