

HB5307



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2024, by Rep. Daniel Didech

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 10/13.3 new

Amends the Illinois Gambling Act. Creates the Problem Gaming Task Force to provide recommendations to the General Assembly on how the State should continue to meet its responsibility to assist those who suffer from a gambling problem or disorder. Includes provisions relating to task force membership, compensation and meetings, duties, and reports. Provides that the Illinois Gaming Board shall provide administrative and other support to the task force. Requires the task force to submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly. Repeals the provisions on January 1, 2027.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning gaming.

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

4 Section 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) the State continues to have a responsibility to
6 provide resources related to prevention, treatment, and
7 recovery for persons suffering with a gambling problem or
8 gambling disorder; and

9 (2) a task force is necessary in order for there to be
10 a comprehensive review of gambling funding, services,
11 programs, and policies.

12 Section 5. The Illinois Gambling Act is amended by adding
13 Section 13.3 as follows:

14 (230 ILCS 10/13.3 new)

15 Sec. 13.3. Problem Gaming Task Force.

16 (a) The Problem Gaming Task Force is created to provide
17 recommendations to the General Assembly on how the State
18 should continue to meet its responsibility to assist those who
19 suffer from a gambling problem or disorder. The task force
20 membership is composed of:

21 (1) one member from each of the 2 largest caucuses of
22 the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;

1 (2) one member from each of the 2 largest caucuses in
2 the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of
3 the House of Representatives;

4 (3) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
5 representative from the health care industry;

6 (4) one member appointed by the Director of Public
7 Health who is a representative from the Department of
8 Public Health;

9 (5) one member appointed by the Chairman of the
10 Illinois Gaming Board who is a representative from the
11 Illinois Gaming Board;

12 (6) one member appointed by the Director of the
13 Lottery who is a representative from the Department of the
14 Lottery;

15 (7) one member appointed by the Chairman of the
16 Illinois Racing Board who is a representative from the
17 Illinois Racing Board;

18 (8) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
19 representative from a nonprofit organization with
20 experience in problem gambling treatment and recovery
21 services;

22 (9) one member of the public appointed by the Governor
23 who is impacted by a gambling problem or gambling
24 disorder;

25 (10) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
26 representative from a business or organization licensed

1 under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, the Illinois
2 Gambling Act, the Video Gaming Act, or the Sports Wagering
3 Act; and

4 (11) other State agency representatives or stakeholder
5 group representatives specially appointed by the task
6 force for the purpose of participating in specific topic
7 discussions or subcommittees.

8 The members of the task force shall serve without
9 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their expenses
10 incurred in performing their duties. The task force shall meet
11 at least 4 times.

12 (b) The task force has the following duties:

13 (1) review existing programs, services, and treatment
14 to address problem gambling and gambling disorders in this
15 State by public, private, and nonprofit entities;

16 (2) review existing programs, services, and treatment
17 to address problem gambling and gambling disorders in
18 other states and the federal government;

19 (3) review the emerging nexus between gambling
20 advertisements and gambling addiction;

21 (4) make recommendations to the General Assembly
22 regarding:

23 (A) whether additional research and study is
24 needed on prevalence of problem gambling and gambling
25 disorder in the State;

26 (B) whether this State should expand State funding

1 for prevention, treatment, and recovery services to
2 address the need for these programs; and

3 (C) whether the current delivery of State
4 licensing and certification of problem gambling
5 providers meets the current and projected future
6 demand for services; and

7 (5) identify additional problem gambling areas for
8 consideration and any actions needed to ensure the State
9 or gambling regulatory entities are effectively addressing
10 problem gambling in an attempt to reduce the number of
11 persons impacted by this problem.

12 (c) The Board shall provide administrative and other
13 support to the task force.

14 (d) The task force shall submit a report of its
15 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by
16 December 31, 2025.

17 (e) This Section is repealed January 1, 2027.