



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 3/14/2024, by Rep. Robert "Bob" Rita

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 5/6  
230 ILCS 10/5

from Ch. 8, par. 37-6  
from Ch. 120, par. 2405

Amends the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Removes language providing that no employee of the Illinois Racing Board, within a period of one year immediately preceding employment, shall have been employed or received compensation or fees for services from a person or entity, or its parent or affiliate, that has engaged in business with the Board, a licensee, or a licensee under the Illinois Gambling Act. Amends the Illinois Gambling Act. Removes language providing that no employee of the Illinois Gaming Board, within a period of one year immediately preceding employment, shall have been employed or received compensation or fees for services from a person or entity, or its parent or affiliate, that has engaged in business with the Board, a licensee, or a licensee under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.

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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 5. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is  
5 amended by changing Section 6 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 5/6) (from Ch. 8, par. 37-6)

7 Sec. 6. Restrictions on Board members.

8 (a) No person shall be appointed a member of the Board or  
9 continue to be a member of the Board if the person or any  
10 member of their immediate family is a member of the Board of  
11 Directors, employee, or financially interested in any of the  
12 following: (i) any licensee or other person who has applied  
13 for racing dates to the Board, or the operations thereof  
14 including, but not limited to, concessions, data processing,  
15 track maintenance, track security, and pari-mutuel operations,  
16 located, scheduled or doing business within the State of  
17 Illinois, (ii) any race horse competing at a meeting under the  
18 Board's jurisdiction, or (iii) any licensee under the Illinois  
19 Gambling Act.

20 (b) No person shall be a member of the Board who is not of  
21 good moral character or who has been convicted of, or is under  
22 indictment for, a felony under the laws of Illinois or any  
23 other state, or the United States.

1 (c) No member of the Board or employee shall engage in any  
2 political activity.

3 For the purposes of this subsection (c):

4 "Political" means any activity in support of or in  
5 connection with any campaign for State or local elective  
6 office or any political organization, but does not include  
7 activities (i) relating to the support or opposition of any  
8 executive, legislative, or administrative action (as those  
9 terms are defined in Section 2 of the Lobbyist Registration  
10 Act), (ii) relating to collective bargaining, or (iii) that  
11 are otherwise in furtherance of the person's official State  
12 duties or governmental and public service functions.

13 "Political organization" means a party, committee,  
14 association, fund, or other organization (whether or not  
15 incorporated) that is required to file a statement of  
16 organization with the State Board of Elections or county clerk  
17 under Section 9-3 of the Election Code, but only with regard to  
18 those activities that require filing with the State Board of  
19 Elections or county clerk.

20 (d) Board members and employees may not engage in  
21 communications or any activity that may cause or have the  
22 appearance of causing a conflict of interest. A conflict of  
23 interest exists if a situation influences or creates the  
24 appearance that it may influence judgment or performance of  
25 regulatory duties and responsibilities. This prohibition shall  
26 extend to any act identified by Board action that, in the

1 judgment of the Board, could represent the potential for or  
2 the appearance of a conflict of interest.

3 (e) Board members and employees may not accept any gift,  
4 gratuity, service, compensation, travel, lodging, or thing of  
5 value, with the exception of unsolicited items of an  
6 incidental nature, from any person, corporation, limited  
7 liability company, or entity doing business with the Board.

8 (f) A Board member or employee shall not use or attempt to  
9 use his or her official position to secure, or attempt to  
10 secure, any privilege, advantage, favor, or influence for  
11 himself or herself or others. No Board member ~~or employee,~~  
12 within a period of one year immediately preceding nomination  
13 by the Governor ~~or employment,~~ shall have been employed or  
14 received compensation or fees for services from a person or  
15 entity, or its parent or affiliate, that has engaged in  
16 business with the Board, a licensee or a licensee under the  
17 Illinois Gambling Act. In addition, all Board members and  
18 employees are subject to the restrictions set forth in Section  
19 5-45 of the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act.

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

21 Section 10. The Illinois Gambling Act is amended by  
22 changing Section 5 as follows:

23 (230 ILCS 10/5) (from Ch. 120, par. 2405)

24 Sec. 5. Gaming Board.

1           (a) (1) There is hereby established the Illinois Gaming  
2 Board, which shall have the powers and duties specified in  
3 this Act, and all other powers necessary and proper to fully  
4 and effectively execute this Act for the purpose of  
5 administering, regulating, and enforcing the system of  
6 riverboat and casino gambling established by this Act and  
7 gaming pursuant to an organization gaming license issued under  
8 this Act. Its jurisdiction shall extend under this Act to  
9 every person, association, corporation, partnership and trust  
10 involved in riverboat and casino gambling operations and  
11 gaming pursuant to an organization gaming license issued under  
12 this Act in the State of Illinois.

13           (2) The Board shall consist of 5 members to be appointed by  
14 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of  
15 whom shall be designated by the Governor to be chairperson.  
16 Each member shall have a reasonable knowledge of the practice,  
17 procedure and principles of gambling operations. Each member  
18 shall either be a resident of Illinois or shall certify that he  
19 or she will become a resident of Illinois before taking  
20 office.

21           On and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
22 the 101st General Assembly, new appointees to the Board must  
23 include the following:

24           (A) One member who has received, at a minimum, a  
25 bachelor's degree from an accredited school and at least  
26 10 years of verifiable experience in the fields of

1 investigation and law enforcement.

2 (B) One member with experience in auditing and with  
3 knowledge of complex corporate structures and  
4 transactions.

5 (C) One member who has 5 years' experience as a  
6 principal, senior officer, or director of a company or  
7 business with either material responsibility for the daily  
8 operations and management of the overall company or  
9 business or material responsibility for the policy making  
10 of the company or business.

11 (D) One member who is an attorney licensed to practice  
12 law in Illinois for at least 5 years.

13 Notwithstanding any provision of this subsection (a), the  
14 requirements of subparagraphs (A) through (D) of this  
15 paragraph (2) shall not apply to any person reappointed  
16 pursuant to paragraph (3).

17 No more than 3 members of the Board may be from the same  
18 political party. No Board member shall, within a period of one  
19 year immediately preceding nomination, have been employed or  
20 received compensation or fees for services from a person or  
21 entity, or its parent or affiliate, that has engaged in  
22 business with the Board, a licensee, or a licensee under the  
23 Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Board members must publicly  
24 disclose all prior affiliations with gaming interests,  
25 including any compensation, fees, bonuses, salaries, and other  
26 reimbursement received from a person or entity, or its parent

1 or affiliate, that has engaged in business with the Board, a  
2 licensee, or a licensee under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of  
3 1975. This disclosure must be made within 30 days after  
4 nomination but prior to confirmation by the Senate and must be  
5 made available to the members of the Senate.

6 (3) The terms of office of the Board members shall be 3  
7 years, except that the terms of office of the initial Board  
8 members appointed pursuant to this Act will commence from the  
9 effective date of this Act and run as follows: one for a term  
10 ending July 1, 1991, 2 for a term ending July 1, 1992, and 2  
11 for a term ending July 1, 1993. Upon the expiration of the  
12 foregoing terms, the successors of such members shall serve a  
13 term for 3 years and until their successors are appointed and  
14 qualified for like terms. Vacancies in the Board shall be  
15 filled for the unexpired term in like manner as original  
16 appointments. Each member of the Board shall be eligible for  
17 reappointment at the discretion of the Governor with the  
18 advice and consent of the Senate.

19 (4) Each member of the Board shall receive \$300 for each  
20 day the Board meets and for each day the member conducts any  
21 hearing pursuant to this Act. Each member of the Board shall  
22 also be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses and  
23 disbursements incurred in the execution of official duties.

24 (5) No person shall be appointed a member of the Board or  
25 continue to be a member of the Board who is, or whose spouse,  
26 child or parent is, a member of the board of directors of, or a

1 person financially interested in, any gambling operation  
2 subject to the jurisdiction of this Board, or any race track,  
3 race meeting, racing association or the operations thereof  
4 subject to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Racing Board. No  
5 Board member shall hold any other public office. No person  
6 shall be a member of the Board who is not of good moral  
7 character or who has been convicted of, or is under indictment  
8 for, a felony under the laws of Illinois or any other state, or  
9 the United States.

10 (5.5) No member of the Board shall engage in any political  
11 activity. For the purposes of this Section, "political" means  
12 any activity in support of or in connection with any campaign  
13 for federal, State, or local elective office or any political  
14 organization, but does not include activities (i) relating to  
15 the support or opposition of any executive, legislative, or  
16 administrative action (as those terms are defined in Section 2  
17 of the Lobbyist Registration Act), (ii) relating to collective  
18 bargaining, or (iii) that are otherwise in furtherance of the  
19 person's official State duties or governmental and public  
20 service functions.

21 (6) Any member of the Board may be removed by the Governor  
22 for neglect of duty, misfeasance, malfeasance, or nonfeasance  
23 in office or for engaging in any political activity.

24 (7) Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of  
25 his office, each member of the Board shall take an oath that he  
26 will faithfully execute the duties of his office according to



1 the laws of the State and the rules and regulations adopted  
2 therewith and shall give bond to the State of Illinois,  
3 approved by the Governor, in the sum of \$25,000. Every such  
4 bond, when duly executed and approved, shall be recorded in  
5 the office of the Secretary of State. Whenever the Governor  
6 determines that the bond of any member of the Board has become  
7 or is likely to become invalid or insufficient, he shall  
8 require such member forthwith to renew his bond, which is to be  
9 approved by the Governor. Any member of the Board who fails to  
10 take oath and give bond within 30 days from the date of his  
11 appointment, or who fails to renew his bond within 30 days  
12 after it is demanded by the Governor, shall be guilty of  
13 neglect of duty and may be removed by the Governor. The cost of  
14 any bond given by any member of the Board under this Section  
15 shall be taken to be a part of the necessary expenses of the  
16 Board.

17 (7.5) For the examination of all mechanical,  
18 electromechanical, or electronic table games, slot machines,  
19 slot accounting systems, sports wagering systems, and other  
20 electronic gaming equipment, and the field inspection of such  
21 systems, games, and machines, for compliance with this Act,  
22 the Board shall utilize the services of independent outside  
23 testing laboratories that have been accredited in accordance  
24 with ISO/IEC 17025 by an accreditation body that is a  
25 signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation  
26 Cooperation Mutual Recognition Agreement signifying they are

1 qualified to perform such examinations. Notwithstanding any  
2 law to the contrary, the Board shall consider the licensing of  
3 independent outside testing laboratory applicants in  
4 accordance with procedures established by the Board by rule.  
5 The Board shall not withhold its approval of an independent  
6 outside testing laboratory license applicant that has been  
7 accredited as required under this paragraph (7.5) and is  
8 licensed in gaming jurisdictions comparable to Illinois. Upon  
9 the finalization of required rules, the Board shall license  
10 independent testing laboratories and accept the test reports  
11 of any licensed testing laboratory of the system's, game's, or  
12 machine manufacturer's choice, notwithstanding the existence  
13 of contracts between the Board and any independent testing  
14 laboratory.

15 (8) The Board shall employ such personnel as may be  
16 necessary to carry out its functions and shall determine the  
17 salaries of all personnel, except those personnel whose  
18 salaries are determined under the terms of a collective  
19 bargaining agreement. No person shall be employed to serve the  
20 Board who is, or whose spouse, parent or child is, an official  
21 of, or has a financial interest in or financial relation with,  
22 any operator engaged in gambling operations within this State  
23 or any organization engaged in conducting horse racing within  
24 this State. ~~For the one year immediately preceding employment,~~  
25 ~~an employee shall not have been employed or received~~  
26 ~~compensation or fees for services from a person or entity, or~~

1 ~~its parent or affiliate, that has engaged in business with the~~  
2 ~~Board, a licensee, or a licensee under the Illinois Horse~~  
3 ~~Racing Act of 1975.~~ Any employee violating these prohibitions  
4 shall be subject to termination of employment.

5 (9) An Administrator shall perform any and all duties that  
6 the Board shall assign him. The salary of the Administrator  
7 shall be determined by the Board and, in addition, he shall be  
8 reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred by  
9 him in discharge of his official duties. The Administrator  
10 shall keep records of all proceedings of the Board and shall  
11 preserve all records, books, documents and other papers  
12 belonging to the Board or entrusted to its care. The  
13 Administrator shall devote his full time to the duties of the  
14 office and shall not hold any other office or employment.

15 (b) The Board shall have general responsibility for the  
16 implementation of this Act. Its duties include, without  
17 limitation, the following:

18 (1) To decide promptly and in reasonable order all  
19 license applications. Any party aggrieved by an action of  
20 the Board denying, suspending, revoking, restricting or  
21 refusing to renew a license may request a hearing before  
22 the Board. A request for a hearing must be made to the  
23 Board in writing within 5 days after service of notice of  
24 the action of the Board. Notice of the action of the Board  
25 shall be served either by personal delivery or by  
26 certified mail, postage prepaid, to the aggrieved party.

1 Notice served by certified mail shall be deemed complete  
2 on the business day following the date of such mailing.  
3 The Board shall conduct any such hearings promptly and in  
4 reasonable order;

5 (2) To conduct all hearings pertaining to civil  
6 violations of this Act or rules and regulations  
7 promulgated hereunder;

8 (3) To promulgate such rules and regulations as in its  
9 judgment may be necessary to protect or enhance the  
10 credibility and integrity of gambling operations  
11 authorized by this Act and the regulatory process  
12 hereunder;

13 (4) To provide for the establishment and collection of  
14 all license and registration fees and taxes imposed by  
15 this Act and the rules and regulations issued pursuant  
16 hereto. All such fees and taxes shall be deposited into  
17 the State Gaming Fund;

18 (5) To provide for the levy and collection of  
19 penalties and fines for the violation of provisions of  
20 this Act and the rules and regulations promulgated  
21 hereunder. All such fines and penalties shall be deposited  
22 into the Education Assistance Fund, created by Public Act  
23 86-0018, of the State of Illinois;

24 (6) To be present through its inspectors and agents  
25 any time gambling operations are conducted on any  
26 riverboat, in any casino, or at any organization gaming

1 facility for the purpose of certifying the revenue  
2 thereof, receiving complaints from the public, and  
3 conducting such other investigations into the conduct of  
4 the gambling games and the maintenance of the equipment as  
5 from time to time the Board may deem necessary and proper;

6 (7) To review and rule upon any complaint by a  
7 licensee regarding any investigative procedures of the  
8 State which are unnecessarily disruptive of gambling  
9 operations. The need to inspect and investigate shall be  
10 presumed at all times. The disruption of a licensee's  
11 operations shall be proved by clear and convincing  
12 evidence, and establish that: (A) the procedures had no  
13 reasonable law enforcement purposes, and (B) the  
14 procedures were so disruptive as to unreasonably inhibit  
15 gambling operations;

16 (8) To hold at least one meeting each quarter of the  
17 fiscal year. In addition, special meetings may be called  
18 by the Chairman or any 2 Board members upon 72 hours  
19 written notice to each member. All Board meetings shall be  
20 subject to the Open Meetings Act. Three members of the  
21 Board shall constitute a quorum, and 3 votes shall be  
22 required for any final determination by the Board. The  
23 Board shall keep a complete and accurate record of all its  
24 meetings. A majority of the members of the Board shall  
25 constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business,  
26 for the performance of any duty, or for the exercise of any

1 power which this Act requires the Board members to  
2 transact, perform or exercise en banc, except that, upon  
3 order of the Board, one of the Board members or an  
4 administrative law judge designated by the Board may  
5 conduct any hearing provided for under this Act or by  
6 Board rule and may recommend findings and decisions to the  
7 Board. The Board member or administrative law judge  
8 conducting such hearing shall have all powers and rights  
9 granted to the Board in this Act. The record made at the  
10 time of the hearing shall be reviewed by the Board, or a  
11 majority thereof, and the findings and decision of the  
12 majority of the Board shall constitute the order of the  
13 Board in such case;

14 (9) To maintain records which are separate and  
15 distinct from the records of any other State board or  
16 commission. Such records shall be available for public  
17 inspection and shall accurately reflect all Board  
18 proceedings;

19 (10) To file a written annual report with the Governor  
20 on or before July 1 each year and such additional reports  
21 as the Governor may request. The annual report shall  
22 include a statement of receipts and disbursements by the  
23 Board, actions taken by the Board, and any additional  
24 information and recommendations which the Board may deem  
25 valuable or which the Governor may request;

26 (11) (Blank);

1 (12) (Blank);

2 (13) To assume responsibility for administration and  
3 enforcement of the Video Gaming Act;

4 (13.1) To assume responsibility for the administration  
5 and enforcement of operations at organization gaming  
6 facilities pursuant to this Act and the Illinois Horse  
7 Racing Act of 1975;

8 (13.2) To assume responsibility for the administration  
9 and enforcement of the Sports Wagering Act; and

10 (14) To adopt, by rule, a code of conduct governing  
11 Board members and employees that ensure, to the maximum  
12 extent possible, that persons subject to this Code avoid  
13 situations, relationships, or associations that may  
14 represent or lead to a conflict of interest.

15 Internal controls and changes submitted by licensees must  
16 be reviewed and either approved or denied with cause within 90  
17 days after receipt of submission is deemed final by the  
18 Illinois Gaming Board. In the event an internal control  
19 submission or change does not meet the standards set by the  
20 Board, staff of the Board must provide technical assistance to  
21 the licensee to rectify such deficiencies within 90 days after  
22 the initial submission and the revised submission must be  
23 reviewed and approved or denied with cause within 90 days  
24 after the date the revised submission is deemed final by the  
25 Board. For the purposes of this paragraph, "with cause" means  
26 that the approval of the submission would jeopardize the

1 integrity of gaming. In the event the Board staff has not acted  
2 within the timeframe, the submission shall be deemed approved.

3 (c) The Board shall have jurisdiction over and shall  
4 supervise all gambling operations governed by this Act. The  
5 Board shall have all powers necessary and proper to fully and  
6 effectively execute the provisions of this Act, including, but  
7 not limited to, the following:

8 (1) To investigate applicants and determine the  
9 eligibility of applicants for licenses and to select among  
10 competing applicants the applicants which best serve the  
11 interests of the citizens of Illinois.

12 (2) To have jurisdiction and supervision over all  
13 riverboat gambling operations authorized under this Act  
14 and all persons in places where gambling operations are  
15 conducted.

16 (3) To promulgate rules and regulations for the  
17 purpose of administering the provisions of this Act and to  
18 prescribe rules, regulations and conditions under which  
19 all gambling operations subject to this Act shall be  
20 conducted. Such rules and regulations are to provide for  
21 the prevention of practices detrimental to the public  
22 interest and for the best interests of riverboat gambling,  
23 including rules and regulations regarding the inspection  
24 of organization gaming facilities, casinos, and  
25 riverboats, and the review of any permits or licenses  
26 necessary to operate a riverboat, casino, or organization



1 gaming facility under any laws or regulations applicable  
2 to riverboats, casinos, or organization gaming facilities  
3 and to impose penalties for violations thereof.

4 (4) To enter the office, riverboats, casinos,  
5 organization gaming facilities, and other facilities, or  
6 other places of business of a licensee, where evidence of  
7 the compliance or noncompliance with the provisions of  
8 this Act is likely to be found.

9 (5) To investigate alleged violations of this Act or  
10 the rules of the Board and to take appropriate  
11 disciplinary action against a licensee or a holder of an  
12 occupational license for a violation, or institute  
13 appropriate legal action for enforcement, or both.

14 (6) To adopt standards for the licensing of all  
15 persons and entities under this Act, as well as for  
16 electronic or mechanical gambling games, and to establish  
17 fees for such licenses.

18 (7) To adopt appropriate standards for all  
19 organization gaming facilities, riverboats, casinos, and  
20 other facilities authorized under this Act.

21 (8) To require that the records, including financial  
22 or other statements of any licensee under this Act, shall  
23 be kept in such manner as prescribed by the Board and that  
24 any such licensee involved in the ownership or management  
25 of gambling operations submit to the Board an annual  
26 balance sheet and profit and loss statement, list of the

1 stockholders or other persons having a 1% or greater  
2 beneficial interest in the gambling activities of each  
3 licensee, and any other information the Board deems  
4 necessary in order to effectively administer this Act and  
5 all rules, regulations, orders and final decisions  
6 promulgated under this Act.

7 (9) To conduct hearings, issue subpoenas for the  
8 attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum for the  
9 production of books, records and other pertinent documents  
10 in accordance with the Illinois Administrative Procedure  
11 Act, and to administer oaths and affirmations to the  
12 witnesses, when, in the judgment of the Board, it is  
13 necessary to administer or enforce this Act or the Board  
14 rules.

15 (10) To prescribe a form to be used by any licensee  
16 involved in the ownership or management of gambling  
17 operations as an application for employment for their  
18 employees.

19 (11) To revoke or suspend licenses, as the Board may  
20 see fit and in compliance with applicable laws of the  
21 State regarding administrative procedures, and to review  
22 applications for the renewal of licenses. The Board may  
23 suspend an owners license or an organization gaming  
24 license without notice or hearing upon a determination  
25 that the safety or health of patrons or employees is  
26 jeopardized by continuing a gambling operation conducted

1 under that license. The suspension may remain in effect  
2 until the Board determines that the cause for suspension  
3 has been abated. The Board may revoke an owners license or  
4 organization gaming license upon a determination that the  
5 licensee has not made satisfactory progress toward abating  
6 the hazard.

7 (12) To eject or exclude or authorize the ejection or  
8 exclusion of, any person from gambling facilities where  
9 that person is in violation of this Act, rules and  
10 regulations thereunder, or final orders of the Board, or  
11 where such person's conduct or reputation is such that his  
12 or her presence within the gambling facilities may, in the  
13 opinion of the Board, call into question the honesty and  
14 integrity of the gambling operations or interfere with the  
15 orderly conduct thereof; provided that the propriety of  
16 such ejection or exclusion is subject to subsequent  
17 hearing by the Board.

18 (13) To require all licensees of gambling operations  
19 to utilize a cashless wagering system whereby all players'  
20 money is converted to tokens, electronic cards, or chips  
21 which shall be used only for wagering in the gambling  
22 establishment.

23 (14) (Blank).

24 (15) To suspend, revoke or restrict licenses, to  
25 require the removal of a licensee or an employee of a  
26 licensee for a violation of this Act or a Board rule or for

1 engaging in a fraudulent practice, and to impose civil  
2 penalties of up to \$5,000 against individuals and up to  
3 \$10,000 or an amount equal to the daily gross receipts,  
4 whichever is larger, against licensees for each violation  
5 of any provision of the Act, any rules adopted by the  
6 Board, any order of the Board or any other action which, in  
7 the Board's discretion, is a detriment or impediment to  
8 gambling operations.

9 (16) To hire employees to gather information, conduct  
10 investigations and carry out any other tasks contemplated  
11 under this Act.

12 (17) To establish minimum levels of insurance to be  
13 maintained by licensees.

14 (18) To authorize a licensee to sell or serve  
15 alcoholic liquors, wine or beer as defined in the Liquor  
16 Control Act of 1934 on board a riverboat or in a casino and  
17 to have exclusive authority to establish the hours for  
18 sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor on board a  
19 riverboat or in a casino, notwithstanding any provision of  
20 the Liquor Control Act of 1934 or any local ordinance, and  
21 regardless of whether the riverboat makes excursions. The  
22 establishment of the hours for sale and consumption of  
23 alcoholic liquor on board a riverboat or in a casino is an  
24 exclusive power and function of the State. A home rule  
25 unit may not establish the hours for sale and consumption  
26 of alcoholic liquor on board a riverboat or in a casino.

1           This subdivision (18) is a denial and limitation of home  
2           rule powers and functions under subsection (h) of Section  
3           6 of Article VII of the Illinois Constitution.

4           (19) After consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of  
5           Engineers, to establish binding emergency orders upon the  
6           concurrence of a majority of the members of the Board  
7           regarding the navigability of water, relative to  
8           excursions, in the event of extreme weather conditions,  
9           acts of God or other extreme circumstances.

10          (20) To delegate the execution of any of its powers  
11          under this Act for the purpose of administering and  
12          enforcing this Act and the rules adopted by the Board.

13          (20.5) To approve any contract entered into on its  
14          behalf.

15          (20.6) To appoint investigators to conduct  
16          investigations, searches, seizures, arrests, and other  
17          duties imposed under this Act, as deemed necessary by the  
18          Board. These investigators have and may exercise all of  
19          the rights and powers of peace officers, provided that  
20          these powers shall be limited to offenses or violations  
21          occurring or committed in a casino, in an organization  
22          gaming facility, or on a riverboat or dock, as defined in  
23          subsections (d) and (f) of Section 4, or as otherwise  
24          provided by this Act or any other law.

25          (20.7) To contract with the Illinois State Police for  
26          the use of trained and qualified State police officers and

1 with the Department of Revenue for the use of trained and  
2 qualified Department of Revenue investigators to conduct  
3 investigations, searches, seizures, arrests, and other  
4 duties imposed under this Act and to exercise all of the  
5 rights and powers of peace officers, provided that the  
6 powers of Department of Revenue investigators under this  
7 subdivision (20.7) shall be limited to offenses or  
8 violations occurring or committed in a casino, in an  
9 organization gaming facility, or on a riverboat or dock,  
10 as defined in subsections (d) and (f) of Section 4, or as  
11 otherwise provided by this Act or any other law. In the  
12 event the Illinois State Police or the Department of  
13 Revenue is unable to fill contracted police or  
14 investigative positions, the Board may appoint  
15 investigators to fill those positions pursuant to  
16 subdivision (20.6).

17 (21) To adopt rules concerning the conduct of gaming  
18 pursuant to an organization gaming license issued under  
19 this Act.

20 (22) To have the same jurisdiction and supervision  
21 over casinos and organization gaming facilities as the  
22 Board has over riverboats, including, but not limited to,  
23 the power to (i) investigate, review, and approve  
24 contracts as that power is applied to riverboats, (ii)  
25 adopt rules for administering the provisions of this Act,  
26 (iii) adopt standards for the licensing of all persons

1 involved with a casino or organization gaming facility,  
2 (iv) investigate alleged violations of this Act by any  
3 person involved with a casino or organization gaming  
4 facility, and (v) require that records, including  
5 financial or other statements of any casino or  
6 organization gaming facility, shall be kept in such manner  
7 as prescribed by the Board.

8 (23) To take any other action as may be reasonable or  
9 appropriate to enforce this Act and the rules adopted by  
10 the Board.

11 (d) The Board may seek and shall receive the cooperation  
12 of the Illinois State Police in conducting background  
13 investigations of applicants and in fulfilling its  
14 responsibilities under this Section. Costs incurred by the  
15 Illinois State Police as a result of such cooperation shall be  
16 paid by the Board in conformance with the requirements of  
17 Section 2605-400 of the Illinois State Police Law.

18 (e) The Board must authorize to each investigator and to  
19 any other employee of the Board exercising the powers of a  
20 peace officer a distinct badge that, on its face, (i) clearly  
21 states that the badge is authorized by the Board and (ii)  
22 contains a unique identifying number. No other badge shall be  
23 authorized by the Board.

24 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21;  
25 102-1129, eff. 2-10-23.)