

1 AN ACT in relation to contributions to candidates,
2 political committees, and public officials.

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

5 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding
6 Section 9-25.3 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/9-25.3 new)

8 Sec. 9-25.3. Acceptance of prohibited contributions.

9 (a) No candidate, political committee, or public
10 official shall knowingly accept a contribution or anything of
11 value from or on behalf of a licensee or applicant for
12 licensure under the provisions of the Riverboat Gambling Act
13 or the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, nor from any
14 officer, director, holder, or controller of a legal or
15 beneficial interest in any such license or application, nor
16 from any gaming operations manager, nor from any agent of any
17 such person.

18 (b) A candidate, political committee, or public official
19 who violates subsection (a) of this Section for the first
20 time shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

21 (c) A candidate, political committee, or public official
22 must pay into the State treasury any contribution that (i)
23 violates this Section or (ii) would have violated this
24 Section if the contribution has been knowingly accepted by
25 the candidate, political committee, or public official.

26 (d) A candidate, political committee, or public official
27 who violates subsection (a) of this Section for a second or
28 subsequent time shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. For a
29 second or subsequent violation of this Section, a fine shall
30 be imposed of not less than twice the amount of any
31 contribution accepted by the offending candidate, political

1 committee, or public official.

2 Section 10. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is
3 amended by changing Section 24 as follows:

4 (230 ILCS 5/24) (from Ch. 8, par. 37-24)

5 Sec. 24. (a) No license shall be issued to or held by an
6 organization licensee unless all of its officers, directors,
7 and holders of ownership interests of at least 5% are first
8 approved by the Board. The Board shall not give approval of
9 an organization license application to any person who has
10 been convicted of or is under an indictment for a crime of
11 moral turpitude or has violated any provision of the racing
12 law of this State or any rules of the Board.

13 (b) An organization licensee must notify the Board
14 within 10 days of any change in the holders of a direct or
15 indirect interest in the ownership of the organization
16 licensee. The Board may, after hearing, revoke the
17 organization license of any person who registers on its books
18 or knowingly permits a direct or indirect interest in the
19 ownership of that person without notifying the Board of the
20 name of the holder in interest within this period.

21 (c) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of
22 this Section, no person shall be granted an organization
23 license if any public official of the State or member of his
24 or her family holds any ownership or financial interest,
25 directly or indirectly, in the person.

26 (d) No person which has been granted an organization
27 license to hold a race meeting shall knowingly give to any
28 public official or member of his family, directly or
29 indirectly, for or without consideration, any interest in the
30 person. The Board shall, after hearing, revoke the
31 organization license granted to a person which has violated
32 this subsection.

1 (e) (Blank).

2 (f) No organization licensee or concessionaire or
3 officer, director or holder or controller of any 5%-or-more
4 legal or beneficial interest in any organization licensee or
5 concession shall knowingly make any sort of gift or
6 contribution of any kind or pay or give any money or other
7 thing of value to any person who is a public official, or a
8 candidate or nominee for public office or to any political
9 committee. A person shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor
10 for violating this subsection for the first time. A person
11 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and, in addition, shall
12 suffer revocation of any license granted under this Act if
13 that person or any agent of that person violates this
14 subsection (f) for a second or subsequent time.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-16, eff. 5-30-95.)

16 Section 15. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by
17 changing Section 18 and adding Section 13.2 as follows:

18 (230 ILCS 10/13.2 new)

19 Sec. 13.2. Ownership by public official; political
20 contributions.

21 (a) No licensee or applicant for licensure or agent
22 thereof shall knowingly give to any public official or member
23 of his or her family, directly or indirectly, for or without
24 consideration, any interest in shares of stock or
25 certificates or other evidences of ownership of any interest
26 in an activity licensed by the Board under this Act. The
27 Board shall, after hearing, revoke the license of any
28 licensee found in violation of this subsection (a).

29 (b) No licensee or applicant for licensure or officer,
30 director, holder, or controller of any legal or beneficial
31 interest in any license granted by the Board under this Act
32 nor any gaming operations manager or any agent of such person

1 shall knowingly make any sort of gift or contribution of any
2 kind or pay or give any money or other thing of value to any
3 person who is a public official, or a candidate or nominee
4 for public office, or to any agent of such person, or to any
5 political committee or other fund-raising entity that gives,
6 lends, or otherwise provides funds to meet the expenses of
7 any candidate for public office.

8 (230 ILCS 10/18) (from Ch. 120, par. 2418)

9 Sec. 18. Prohibited Activities - Penalty.

10 (a) A person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for
11 doing any of the following:

12 (1) Conducting gambling where wagering is used or
13 to be used without a license issued by the Board.

14 (2) Conducting gambling where wagering is permitted
15 other than in the manner specified by Section 11.

16 (3) Violating Section 13.2 of this Act for the
17 first time.

18 (b) A person is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor for
19 doing any of the following:

20 (1) permitting a person under 21 years to make a
21 wager; or

22 (2) violating paragraph (12) of subsection (a) of
23 Section 11 of this Act.

24 (c) A person wagering or accepting a wager at any
25 location outside the riverboat is subject to the penalties in
26 paragraphs (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of Section 28-1 of
27 the Criminal Code of 1961.

28 (d) A person commits a Class 4 felony and, in addition,
29 shall be barred for life from riverboats under the
30 jurisdiction of the Board, if the person does any of the
31 following:

32 (1) Offers, promises, or gives anything of value or
33 benefit to a person who is connected with a riverboat

1 owner including, but not limited to, an officer or
2 employee of a licensed owner or holder of an occupational
3 license pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or with
4 the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit
5 will influence the actions of the person to whom the
6 offer, promise, or gift was made in order to affect or
7 attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game, or to
8 influence official action of a member of the Board.

9 (2) Solicits or knowingly accepts or receives a
10 promise of anything of value or benefit while the person
11 is connected with a riverboat including, but not limited
12 to, an officer or employee of a licensed owner, or holder
13 of an occupational license, pursuant to an understanding
14 or arrangement or with the intent that the promise or
15 thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of
16 the person to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of
17 a gambling game, or to influence official action of a
18 member of the Board.

19 (3) Uses or possesses with the intent to use a
20 device to assist:

21 (i) In projecting the outcome of the game.

22 (ii) In keeping track of the cards played.

23 (iii) In analyzing the probability of the
24 occurrence of an event relating to the gambling
25 game.

26 (iv) In analyzing the strategy for playing or
27 betting to be used in the game except as permitted
28 by the Board.

29 (4) Cheats at a gambling game.

30 (5) Manufactures, sells, or distributes any cards,
31 chips, dice, game or device which is intended to be used
32 to violate any provision of this Act.

33 (6) Alters or misrepresents the outcome of a
34 gambling game on which wagers have been made after the

1 outcome is made sure but before it is revealed to the
2 players.

3 (7) Places a bet after acquiring knowledge, not
4 available to all players, of the outcome of the gambling
5 game which is subject of the bet or to aid a person in
6 acquiring the knowledge for the purpose of placing a bet
7 contingent on that outcome.

8 (8) Claims, collects, or takes, or attempts to
9 claim, collect, or take, money or anything of value in or
10 from the gambling games, with intent to defraud, without
11 having made a wager contingent on winning a gambling
12 game, or claims, collects, or takes an amount of money or
13 thing of value of greater value than the amount won.

14 (9) Uses counterfeit chips or tokens in a gambling
15 game.

16 (10) Possesses any key or device designed for the
17 purpose of opening, entering, or affecting the operation
18 of a gambling game, drop box, or an electronic or
19 mechanical device connected with the gambling game or for
20 removing coins, tokens, chips or other contents of a
21 gambling game. This paragraph (10) does not apply to a
22 gambling licensee or employee of a gambling licensee
23 acting in furtherance of the employee's employment.

24 (e) The possession of more than one of the devices
25 described in subsection (d), paragraphs (3), (5) or (10)
26 permits a rebuttable presumption that the possessor intended
27 to use the devices for cheating.

28 (f) A person is guilty of a Class 4 felony and, in
29 addition, shall suffer revocation of any license granted by
30 the Board under this Act if such person or any agent thereof
31 violates Section 13.2 of this Act for a second or subsequent
32 time.

33 An action to prosecute any crime occurring on a riverboat
34 shall be tried in the county of the dock at which the

1 riverboat is based.

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