AN ACT in relation to gambling.


#### Abstract

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


Section 5. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by changing Sections 2, 3, 6, 7, 11, and 13 as follows:
(230 ILCS 10/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 2402)
Sec. 2. Legislative Intent.
(a) This Act is intended to benefit the people of the State of Illinois by assisting economic development and promoting Illinois tourism.
(b) While authorization of riverboat gambling will enhance investment, development and tourism in Illinois, it is recognized that it will do so successfully only if public confidence and trust in the credibility and integrity of the gambling operations and the regulatory process is maintained. Therefore, regulatory provisions of this Act are designed to strictly regulate the facilities, persons, associations and practices related to gambling operations pursuant to the police powers of the State, including comprehensive law enforcement supervision.
(c) The Illinois Gaming Board established under this Act should, as soon as possible, inform each applicant for an owners license of the Board's intent to grant or deny a license.
(d) The purpose of competitive bidding for owners licenses is to maximize the revenue paid to this state and units of local government.
(Source: P.A. 86-1029.)
(230 ILCS 10/3) (from Ch. 120, par. 2403)
Sec. 3. Riverboat Gambling Authorized.
(a) Riverboat gambling operations and the system of wagering incorporated therein, as defined in this Act, are hereby authorized to the extent that they are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
(b) This Act does not apply to the pari-mutuel system of wagering used or intended to be used in connection with the horse-race meetings as authorized under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, lottery games authorized under the Illinois Lottery Law, bingo authorized under the Bingo License and Tax Act, charitable games authorized under the Charitable Games Act or pull tabs and jar games conducted under the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act.
(c) Riverboat gambling conducted pursuant to this Act may be authorized upon any water within the State of Illinois or any water etheæ--もhan-モake-Miehigan which constitutes a boundary of the State of Illinois. A licensee may conduct riverboat gambling authorized under this Act regardless of whether it conducts excursion cruises. A licensee may permit the continuous ingress and egress of passengers for the purpose of gambling.
(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)
(230 ILCS 10/6) (from Ch. 120, par. 2406)
Sec. 6. Application for Owners License.
(a) A qualified person may apply to the Board for an owners license to conduct a riverboat gambling operation as provided in this Act. The application shall be made on forms provided by the Board and shall contain such information as the Board prescribes, including but not limited to the identity of the riverboat on which such gambling operation is to be conducted and the exact location where such riverboat will be docked, a certification that the riverboat will be registered under this Act at all times during which gambling operations are conducted on board, detailed information
regarding the ownership and management of the applicant, and detailed personal information regarding the applicant. Information provided on the application shall be used as a basis for a thorough background investigation which the Board shall conduct with respect to each applicant. An incomplete application shall be cause for denial of a license by the Board.
(b) Applicants shall submit with their application all documents, resolutions, and letters of support from the governing body that represents the municipality or county wherein the licensee will dock.
(c) Each applicant shall disclose the identity of every person, association, trust or corporation having a greater than 1\% direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the riverboat gambling operation with respect to which the license is sought. If the disclosed entity is a trust, the application shall disclose the names and addresses of the beneficiaries; if a corporation, the names and addresses of all stockholders and directors; if a partnership, the names and addresses of all partners, both general and limited.
(d) An application shall be filed with the Board by January 1 of the year preceding any calendar year for which an applicant seeks an owners license; however, applications for an owners license permitting operations on January 1, 1991 shall be filed by July 1, 1990 and applications for licenses authorized under this amendatory Act of the 92 nd General Assembly shall be filed by deadlines established by the Board. In the case of an owners license to be awarded through the competitive bidding process, the Board shall solicit applications by publishing an advertisement at least 3 times, the first and last of which publications shall be at least 10 days apart, in trade publications, business newspapers such as the Wall Street Journal, and the newspapers that are in the top 10 in circulation in Illinois.

The advertisement shall state the procedure for applying for an owners license and shall state the deadline for applications. The Board shall also notify all parties who have ever applied for an owners license under this Act. An application fee of $\$ 50,000$ shall be paid at the time of filing to defray the costs associated with the background investigation conducted by the Board. If the costs of the investigation exceed $\$ 50,000$, the applicant shall pay the additional amount to the Board. If the costs of the investigation are less than $\$ 50,000$, the applicant shall receive a refund of the remaining amount. All information, records, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data supplied to or used by the Board in the course of its review or investigation of an application for a license under this Act shall be privileged, strictly confidential and shall be used only for the purpose of evaluating an applicant. Such information, records, interviews, reports, statements, memoranda or other data shall not be admissible as evidence, nor discoverable in any action of any kind in any court or before any tribunal, board, agency or person, except for any action deemed necessary by the Board.
(e) The Board shall charge each applicant a fee set by the Department of State Police to defray the costs associated with the search and classification of fingerprints obtained by the Board with respect to the applicant's application. These fees shall be paid into the State Police Services Fund.
(f) The licensed owner shall be the person primarily responsible for the boat itself. Only one riverboat gambling operation may be authorized by the Board on any riverboat. The applicant must identify each riverboat it intends to use and certify that the riverboat: (1) has the authorized capacity required in this Act; (2) is accessible to disabled persons; and (3) is fully registered and licensed in accordance with any applicable laws.
(g) A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an application is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.
(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)
(230 ILCS 10/7) (from Ch. 120, par. 2407)
Sec. 7. Owners Licenses.
(a) The Board shall, upon completion of the investigation required under Section 6, make a determination as to whether each applicant for an owners license is suitable for licensing issue--Өwnexs--łìeenses--もө--pexsөnst





 this Act and the rules of the Board. A person, firm or corporation is ineligible to receive an owners license if:
(1) the person has been convicted of a felony under the laws of this State, any other state, or the United States;
(2) the person has been convicted of any violation of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 1961, or substantially similar laws of any other jurisdiction;
(3) the person has submitted an application for a license under this Act which contains false information;
(4) the person is a member of the Board;
(5) a person defined in (1), (2), (3) or (4) is an officer, director or managerial employee of the firm or corporation;
(6) the firm or corporation employs a person defined in (1), (2), (3) or (4) who participates in the management or operation of gambling operations authorized under this Act;
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（8）a license of the person，firm or corporation issued under this Act，or a license to own or operate gambling facilities in any other jurisdiction，has been revoked．
（b）In determining the suitability of whetheェー－もө－－gæant an－－өwnexs－łieense－もө an applicant for an owners license，the Board shall consider：
（1）the character，reputation，experience and financial integrity of the applicants and of any other or separate person that either：
（A）controls，directly or indirectly，such applicant，or
（B）is controlled，directly or indirectly，by such applicant or by a person which controls， directly or indirectly，such applicant；
（2）the facilities or proposed facilities for the conduct of riverboat gambling；
（3）the highest prospective total revenue to be derived by the state from the conduct of riverboat gambling；
（4）the good faith affirmative action plan of each applicant to recruit，train and upgrade minorities in all employment classifications；
（5）the financial ability of the applicant to purchase and maintain adequate liability and casualty insurance；
（6）whether the applicant has adequate capitalization to provide and maintain，for the duration of a license，a riverboat；and
（7）the extent to which the applicant exceeds or meets other standards for the issuance of an owners license which the Board may adopt by rule．


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(d) Each applicant shall submit with his application, on forms provided by the Board, 2 sets of his fingerprints.
(e) The Board may issue up to 10 licenses authorizing the holders of such licenses to own riverboats. In the application for an owners license, the applicant shall state the dock at which the riverboat is based and the water on which the riverboat will be located.
(e-1) For the purpose of awarding licenses under this Section, the Board shall divide the State into 3 zones. Zone 1 shall be comprised of a county with a population of more than $3,000,000$, zone 2 shall be comprised of the counties that are contiguous to a county with a population of more than $3,000,000$, and zone 3 shall be comprised of the rest of the State.
(e-2) After the Board makes its determination as to the suitability of applicants for a license, the Board shall notify each applicant of its determination, and the Board shall notify the applicants found to be suitable that they may bid for the license. Bids shall be expressed as a percentage of adjusted gross receipts to be paid into the State Gaming Fund, in addition to the wagering tax required to be paid under Section 13, during the period of the license. Licenses shall be awarded to the highest bidders, with at least 3 licenses being awarded in each zone. No more than 2 licenses shall be awarded within the same county in zones 2 and 3. The Board shall include time limits and any appropriate bid specifications. The Board shall award the license to the applicant whose application and bid, in the opinion of the Board, shall result in the greatest amount of revenue, in the form of wagering tax and the additional payments in accordance with the bid, for the duration of the license. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the Board may reject any bid. The Board shall notify
each applicant of its final decision, and shall publicly disclose the amount of the winning bid. The amounts paid by a successful applicant in addition to the wagering tax under the terms of its bid shall be paid and distributed in accordance with subsection $(b-1)$ of Section 13.
(e-3) The Board shall issue a temporary license to any licensee who loses his license under the competitive bidding process established in this Section. The temporary license shall be effective until the winning bidder for that license begins riverboat gambling operations.
(e-4) An applicant whose bid is selected under subsection (e-2) shall be awarded a license upon payment to the Board of a $\$ 25,000$ license fee for the first year of operation and a $\$ 5,000$ license fee for each succeeding year. Each license awarded under subsection (e-2) shall be issued for a 10-year period.
(e-5) Each owners license shall specify the place where riverboats shall operate and dock.
(e-6) The Board may not issue a license to an applicant for $a$ license to conduct riverboat gambling unless, in accordance with subsection (j), riverboat gambling has been approved by the governing body of the appropriate unit of local government and a referendum, if required under subsection (j), has been held at which the electors have approved the docking of riverboats. The-Beaæd-shałł--issue--5










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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．
 shall permit the holder to own up to 2 riverboats and equipment thereon．A license issued before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 92 nd General Assembly shall be valid for a period of 3 years after the effective date of the license．
（f－1）Holders of もhe－£i¥sも－－$\ddagger \theta$ owners licenses issued under this Section must pay the annual license fee for each year e¥－もhe－3－¥eaxs during which they are authorized to own riverboats．
（g）Upon the termination，expiration，or revocation of each of the fifist－$¥ \theta$ licenses issued before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the $92 n$ General Assembly， each license shall be awarded for a 10－year period through the competitive bidding process in accordance with subsection
（e－2）．Upon the termination，expiration，or revocation of a license awarded for a 10－year period，the license shall be awarded for a 10－year period through the competitive bidding process in accordance with subsection（e－2）．
（g－1）Any agreement or collusion among bidders or prospective bidders for owners licenses in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid a fixed price or by any other method shall render the bids of the bidders void．Each bidder for an owners license shall accompany his or her bid with a sworn statement，or otherwise swear or affirm，that he or she has not been a party to any such agreement or collusion．A bidder found to have participated in a collusive agreement under this Section shall be prevented from ever owning a license to conduct riverboat





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（h）An owners license shall entitle the licensee to own up to 2 riverboats．A licensee shall limit the number of gambling participants to 1,200 for any such owners license．A licensee may operate both of its riverboats concurrently， provided that the total number of gambling participants on both riverboats does not exceed 1，200．Riverboats licensed to operate on the Mississippi River and the Illinois River south of Marshall County shall have an authorized capacity of at least 500 persons．Any other riverboat licensed under this Act shall have an authorized capacity of at least 400 persons．
（i）A licensed owner is authorized to apply to the Board for and，if approved therefor，to receive all licenses from
the Board necessary for the operation of a riverboat， including a liquor license，a license to prepare and serve food for human consumption，and other necessary licenses． All use，occupation and excise taxes which apply to the sale of food and beverages in this State and all taxes imposed on the sale or use of tangible personal property apply to such sales aboard the riverboat．
（j）The Board may issue a license authorizing a riverboat to dock in a municipality өæーappæөキe－aーæełөeaもiөn trdex－Seeも̇өィ－¥も－Z only if，prior to the issuance of the license：

（2）in the case of any license issued under this Act，$\Theta \neq$－appæөキał，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 a license authorizing a riverboat to dock in areas of a county outside any municipality өxーappæөキe
 issuance of the license：
（i）a petition is filed in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code seeking submission of the question＂Shall riverboat gambling be permitted in（name of county）？＂to the electors of the county，the question is submitted to the electors of the county in accordance with Article 28 of the Election Code，and the question is approved by a majority of the electors voting on the question in the election at which the question is submitted；however，in the case of a license authorizing a riverboat to dock in an unincorporated area of a county that is divided into townships，the question under this item（i）must name the township（rather than the county） in which the docking of gambling riverboats is sought to be permitted and the question must be submitted to and approved by a majority of the electors of the township （rather than the county）in which the docking of gambling riverboats is sought to be permitted；and
（ii）in the case of any license issued under this Act $\Theta \neq-a p p \neq \theta \forall a \neq$ ，the governing body of the county has by a majority vote approved of the docking of riverboats within such areas．
（Source：P．A．91－40，eff．6－25－99．）
（230 ILCS 10／11）（from Ch．120，par．2411）
Sec．11．Conduct of gambling．Gambling may be conducted by licensed owners aboard riverboats，subject to the
following standards:
(1) A licensee may conduct riverboat gambling authorized under this Act regardless of whether it conducts excursion cruises. A licensee may permit the continuous ingress and egress of passengers for the purpose of gambling.
(2) (Blank).
(3) Minimum and maximum wagers on games shall be set by the licensee.
(4) Agents of the Board and the Department of State Police may board and inspect any riverboat at any time for the purpose of determining whether this Act is being complied with. Every riverboat, if under way and being hailed by a law enforcement officer or agent of the Board, must stop immediately and lay to. Holders of licenses to conduct riverboat gambling shall pay the State Police the actual cost of inspection under this Section.
(5) Employees of the Board shall have the right to be present on the riverboat or on adjacent facilities under the control of the licensee.
(6) Gambling equipment and supplies customarily used in conducting riverboat gambling must be purchased or leased only from suppliers licensed for such purpose under this Act.
(7) Persons licensed under this Act shall permit no form of wagering on gambling games except as permitted by this Act.
(8) Wagers may be received only from a person present on a licensed riverboat. No person present on a licensed riverboat shall place or attempt to place a wager on behalf of another person who is not present on the riverboat.
(9) Wagering shall not be conducted with money or
other negotiable currency.
(10) A person under age 21 shall not be permitted on an area of a riverboat where gambling is being conducted, except for a person at least 18 years of age who is an employee of the riverboat gambling operation. No employee under age 21 shall perform any function involved in gambling by the patrons. No person under age 21 shall be permitted to make a wager under this Act.
(11) Gambling excursion cruises are permitted only when the waterway for which the riverboat is licensed is navigable, as determined by the Board in consultation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This paragraph (11) does not limit the ability of a licensee to conduct gambling authorized under this Act when gambling excursion cruises are not permitted.
(12) All tokens, chips or electronic cards used to make wagers must be purchased from a licensed owner either aboard a riverboat or at an onshore facility which has been approved by the Board and which is located where the riverboat docks. The tokens, chips or electronic cards may be purchased by means of an agreement under which the owner extends credit to the patron. Such tokens, chips or electronic cards may be used while aboard the riverboat only for the purpose of making wagers on gambling games.
(13) Notwithstanding any other Section of this Act, in addition to the other licenses authorized under this Act, the Board may issue special event licenses allowing persons who are not otherwise licensed to conduct riverboat gambling to conduct such gambling on a specified date or series of dates. Riverboat gambling under such a license may take place on a riverboat not normally used for riverboat gambling. The Board shall establish standards, fees and fines for, and limitations
upon, such licenses, which may differ from the standards, fees, fines and limitations otherwise applicable under this Act. All such fees shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund. All such fines shall be deposited into the Education Assistance Fund, created by Public Act 86-0018, of the State of Illinois.
(14) In addition to the above, gambling must be conducted in accordance with all rules adopted by the Board.
(Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)
(230 ILCS 10/13) (from Ch. 120, par. 2413)
Sec. 13. Wagering tax; rate; distribution.
(a) Until January 1, 1998, a tax is imposed on the adjusted gross receipts received from gambling games authorized under this Act at the rate of $20 \%$.

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

15\% of annual adjusted gross receipts up to and including $\$ 25,000,000$;
$20 \%$ of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of $\$ 25,000,000$ but not exceeding $\$ 50,000,000 ;$
$25 \%$ of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of $\$ 50,000,000$ but not exceeding $\$ 75,000,000$;
$30 \%$ of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of $\$ 75,000,000$ but not exceeding $\$ 100,000,000 ;$
$35 \%$ of annual adjusted gross receipts in excess of $\$ 100,000,000$.

The taxes imposed by this Section shall be paid by the licensed owner to the Board not later than 3:00 o'clock p.m. of the day after the day when the wagers were made.
（b）Until January 1，1998，25\％of the tax revenue deposited in the State Gaming Fund under this Section shall be paid，subject to appropriation by the General Assembly，to the unit of local government which is designated as the home dock of the riverboat．Beginning January 1，1998，from the tax revenue deposited in the State Gaming Fund under this Section，an amount equal to $5 \%$ of adjusted gross receipts generated by a riverboat shall be paid monthly，subject to appropriation by the General Assembly，to the unit of local government that is designated as the home dock of the riverboat．
（ $b-1$ ）In addition to the tax payable under this Section， a licensed owner shall pay to the Board a percentage of its adjusted gross receipts equal to its bid under section 7 in the same manner as taxes are paid under subsection（a）． Payments made under this subsection（b－1）shall be distributed as follows：
（i）Twenty－five percent shall be paid，subject to appropriation，to the unit of local government that is designated as the home dock of the riverboat．
（ii）Seventy－five percent shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund．
（c）Appropriations，as approved by the General Assembly， may be made from the state Gaming Fund to the Department of Revenue and the Department of state Police for the administration and enforcement of this Act．
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（d）From time to time，the Board shall transfer the remainder of the funds generated by this Act into the Education Assistance Fund，created by Public Act 86－0018，of the State of Illinois．
（e）Nothing in this Act shall prohibit the unit of local government designated as the home dock of the riverboat from entering into agreements with other units of local government
in this state or in other states to share its portion of the tax revenue.
(f) To the extent practicable, the Board shall administer and collect the wagering taxes imposed by this Section in a manner consistent with the provisions of Sections 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5i, 5j, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 8, 9, and 10 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act. (Source: P.A. 90-548, eff. 12-4-97; 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)
(230 ILCS 10/11.2 rep.)
Section 10. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by repealing Section 11.2 .
(230 ILCS 5/54 rep.)
Section 15. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is amended by repealing Section 54.

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

