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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 20/1.1	from Ch. 120, par. 1051.1
230 ILCS 20/2	from Ch. 120, par. 1052
230 ILCS 20/3	from Ch. 120, par. 1053
230 ILCS 20/3.1	
230 ILCS 20/4	from Ch. 120, par. 1054
230 ILCS 40/5	
230 ILCS 40/21 new	

Amends the Illinois Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act to allow video gaming licensees (licensed establishments, licensed truck stop establishments, and license large truck stop establishments licensed under the Video Gaming Act) to apply to the Department of Revenue for a license to conduct pull tabs and jar games. Amends the Video Gaming Act. Provides that the Illinois Gaming Board, upon application by a licensed video gaming establishment (a licensed establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, licensed veterans establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, or licensed large truck stop establishment), may issue a license to sell sports betting squares as a low-stakes, chance-based promotional game. Provides conditions under which the sale of sports betting squares may be conducted.

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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 Pull Tabs and Jar Games Act is
5 amended by changing Sections 1.1, 2, 3, 3.1, and 4 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 20/1.1) (from Ch. 120, par. 1051.1)

7 Sec. 1.1. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Pull tabs" and "jar games" means a game using
9 single-folded or banded tickets or a card, the face of which is
10 initially covered or otherwise hidden from view in order to
11 conceal a number, symbol or set of symbols, some of which are
12 winners. Players with winning tickets receive a prize stated
13 on a promotional display or "flare". Pull tabs also means a
14 game in which prizes are won by pulling a tab from a board
15 thereby revealing a number which corresponds to the number for
16 a given prize.

17 Each winning pull tab or slip shall be predetermined.

18 "Pull tabs and jar games", as used in this Act, does not
19 include the following: numbers, policy, bolita or similar
20 games, dice, slot machines, bookmaking and wagering pools with
21 respect to a sporting event, or that game commonly known as
22 punch boards, or any other game or activity not expressly
23 defined in this Section.

1 "Organization" means a corporation, agency, partnership,
2 association, firm or other entity consisting of 2 or more
3 persons joined by a common interest or purpose.

4 "Non-profit organization" means an organization or
5 institution organized and conducted on a not-for-profit basis
6 with no personal profit inuring to anyone as a result of the
7 operation.

8 "Charitable organization" means an organization or
9 institution organized and operated to benefit an indefinite
10 number of the public.

11 "Educational organization" means an organization or
12 institution organized and operated to provide systematic
13 instruction in useful branches of learning by methods common
14 to schools and institutions of learning which compare
15 favorably in their scope and intensity with the course of
16 study presented in tax-supported schools.

17 "Religious organization" means any church, congregation,
18 society, or organization founded for the purpose of religious
19 worship.

20 "Fraternal organization" means an organization of persons
21 having a common interest that is organized and operated
22 exclusively to promote the welfare of its members and to
23 benefit the general public on a continuing and consistent
24 basis, including but not limited to ethnic organizations.

25 "Veterans' organization" means an organization comprised
26 of members of which substantially all are individuals who are

1 veterans or spouses, widows, or widowers of veterans, the
2 primary purpose of which is to promote the welfare of its
3 members and to provide assistance to the general public in
4 such a way as to confer a public benefit.

5 "Labor organization" means an organization composed of
6 labor unions or workers organized with the objective of
7 betterment of the conditions of those engaged in such pursuit
8 and the development of a higher degree of efficiency in their
9 respective occupations.

10 "Youth athletic organization" means an organization having
11 as its exclusive purpose the promotion and provision of
12 athletic activities for youth aged 18 and under.

13 "Senior citizens organization" means an organization or
14 association comprised of members of which substantially all
15 are individuals who are senior citizens, as defined in the
16 Illinois Act on the Aging, the primary purpose of which is to
17 promote the welfare of its members.

18 "Department" means the Department of Revenue.

19 "Person" means any natural individual, corporation,
20 partnership, limited liability company, organization, licensee
21 under this Act, or volunteer.

22 "Special permit" means a permit issued to a licensed
23 organization that allows it to conduct pull tabs and jar games
24 at other premises or on other days not exceeding 5 consecutive
25 days.

26 "Supplier" means any person, firm, or corporation that

1 sells, leases, lends, distributes, or otherwise provides any
2 pull tabs and jar games to any organization licensed to
3 conduct pull tabs and jar games in Illinois.

4 "Video gaming licensee" means a licensed establishment,
5 licensed truck stop establishment, or license large truck stop
6 establishment licensed under the Video Gaming Act.

7 "Volunteer" means a person recruited by the licensed
8 organization who voluntarily performs services at a pull tabs
9 or jar games event, including participation in the management
10 or operation of a game.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

12 (230 ILCS 20/2) (from Ch. 120, par. 1052)

13 Sec. 2. The Department of Revenue shall, upon application
14 therefor on forms prescribed by the Department, and upon the
15 payment of a nonrefundable annual fee of \$500, and upon
16 determination that the applicant meets all the requirements of
17 this Act, issue a license to conduct pull tabs and jar games to
18 any of the following:

19 (i) Any local fraternal mutual benefit organization
20 chartered at least 40 years before it applies for a
21 license under this Act.

22 (ii) Any bona fide religious, charitable, labor,
23 fraternal, youth athletic, senior citizen, educational or
24 veterans' organization organized in Illinois which
25 operates without profit to its members, which has been in

1 existence in Illinois continuously for a period of 5 years
2 immediately before making application for a license and
3 which has had during that entire 5 year period a bona fide
4 membership engaged in carrying out its objects. However,
5 the 5 year requirement shall be reduced to 2 years, as
6 applied to a local organization which is affiliated with
7 and chartered by a national organization which meets the 5
8 year requirement.

9 (iii) A video gaming licensee for charitable purposes.

10 Each license issued shall be in effect for one year from
11 its date of issuance unless extended, suspended, or revoked by
12 Department action before that date. The Department may provide
13 by rule for an extension of any pull tabs and jar games license
14 issued under this Act. Any extension provided shall not exceed
15 one year. A licensee may hold only one license and that license
16 is valid for only one location unless a special permit, as
17 authorized in subsection (4) of Section 3, is issued. The
18 Department may authorize by rule the filing by electronic
19 means of any application, license, permit, return, or
20 registration required under this Act.

21 All taxes and fees imposed by this Act, unless otherwise
22 specified, shall be paid into the General Revenue Fund of the
23 State Treasury.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

25 (230 ILCS 20/3) (from Ch. 120, par. 1053)

1 Sec. 3. Licensing for the conducting of pull tabs and jar
2 games is subject to the following restrictions:

3 (1) The license application, when submitted to the
4 Department of Revenue, shall contain:

5 (A) for an organization, a sworn statement
6 attesting to the not-for-profit character of the
7 prospective licensee organization and shall be signed
8 by a person listed on the application as an owner,
9 officer, or other person in charge of the necessary
10 day-to-day operations of that organization; and-

11 (B) for a video gaming licensee, a sworn statement
12 attesting to charitable purpose for which it will be
13 conducting pull tabs and jar games and shall be signed
14 by a person listed on the application as an owner or
15 other person in charge of the necessary day-to-day
16 operations of that establishment.

17 (2) The license application shall be prepared in
18 accordance with the rules of the Department of Revenue.

19 (3) The licensee shall prominently display the license
20 in the area where the licensee conducts pull tabs and jar
21 games. The licensee shall likewise display, in the form
22 and manner as prescribed by the Department, the provisions
23 of Section 4 of this Act.

24 (4) Each license shall state the location at which the
25 licensee is permitted to conduct pull tabs and jar games.
26 The Department may, on special application made by a

1 licensed organization, issue a special permit to conduct a
2 single pull tabs or jar games event at another location. A
3 special permit shall be displayed at the site of any pull
4 tabs or jar games authorized by such permit.

5 (4.1) A license is not assignable or transferable.

6 (5) Any organization qualified for a license but not
7 holding one, may upon application and payment of a
8 nonrefundable fee of \$50 receive a limited license to
9 conduct pull tabs or jar games at no more than 2 indoor or
10 outdoor festivals in a year for a maximum of 5 consecutive
11 days on each occasion. No more than 2 limited licenses
12 under this subsection may be issued to any organization in
13 any year. The limited license shall be prominently
14 displayed at the site where pull tabs or jar games are
15 sold.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

17 (230 ILCS 20/3.1)

18 Sec. 3.1. Suppliers' license. The Department shall issue a
19 suppliers' license permitting a person, firm or corporation to
20 sell or distribute to any organization or video gaming
21 licensee licensed to conduct pull tabs and jar games supplies,
22 devices or other equipment designed for use in the playing of
23 pull tabs and jar games. No person, firm or corporation shall
24 sell or distribute pull tabs and jar games supplies without
25 having first obtained a license. Licensed suppliers shall buy

1 pull tabs and jar games only from licensed manufacturers and
2 shall sell pull tabs and jar games only to licensed
3 organizations. Licensed organizations or video gaming
4 licensees shall buy pull tabs and jar games only from licensed
5 suppliers. Applications for suppliers' licenses shall be made
6 in writing in accordance with Department rules. The Department
7 shall license suppliers of pull tabs and jar games subject to a
8 nonrefundable annual fee of \$5,000, or a nonrefundable
9 triennial supplier's fee of \$15,000. Each suppliers' license
10 is valid for one year from date of issuance, or 3 years from
11 date of issuance for a triennial license, unless extended,
12 suspended, or revoked by Department action before that date.
13 Any extension of a suppliers' license shall not exceed one
14 year. No licensed supplier under this Act shall sell,
15 distribute or allow the use of any supplies, devices or
16 equipment designed for use in the play of pull tabs and jar
17 games for the conducting of anything other than pull tabs and
18 jar games or to any person or organization not otherwise
19 licensed under this Act.

20 The Department shall adopt by rule minimum quality
21 production standards for pull tabs and jar games. In
22 determining those standards, the Department shall consider the
23 standards adopted by the National Association of Gambling
24 Regulatory Agencies and the National Association of
25 Fundraising Ticket Manufacturers. The standards shall include
26 the name of the supplier which shall appear in plain view to

1 the casual observer on the face side of each pull tab ticket
2 and on each jar game ticket. The pull tab ticket shall contain
3 the name of the game, the selling price of the ticket, the
4 amount of the prize and the serial number of the ticket. The
5 back side of a pull tab ticket shall contain a series of
6 perforated tabs marked "open here". The logo of the
7 manufacturer shall be clearly visible on each jar game ticket.
8 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

9 (230 ILCS 20/4) (from Ch. 120, par. 1054)

10 Sec. 4. The conducting of pull tabs and jar games is
11 subject to the following restrictions:

12 (1) The entire net proceeds of any pull tabs or jar
13 games, except as otherwise approved in this Act, must be
14 exclusively devoted to the lawful purposes of the
15 organization permitted to conduct such drawings or the
16 charitable purposes specified by the video gaming
17 licensee.

18 (2) No person except a bona fide member or employee of
19 the sponsoring organization or an employee of a video
20 gaming licensee may participate in the management or
21 operation of such pull tabs or jar games; however, nothing
22 herein shall conflict with pull tabs and jar games
23 conducted under the provisions of the Charitable Games
24 Act.

25 (3) No person may receive any remuneration or profit

1 for participating in the management or operation of such
2 pull tabs or jar games; however, nothing herein shall
3 conflict with pull tabs and jar games conducted under the
4 provisions of the Charitable Games Act.

5 (4) The price paid for a single chance or right to
6 participate in a game licensed under this Act shall not
7 exceed \$2. No single prize shall exceed \$500. There shall
8 be no more than 6,000 tickets in a game. The aggregate
9 value of all prizes or merchandise awarded in any single
10 day of pull tabs and jar games shall not exceed \$5,000.

11 (5) No person under the age of 18 years shall play or
12 participate in games under this Act. A person under the
13 age of 18 years may be within the area where pull tabs and
14 jar games are being conducted only when accompanied by his
15 parent or guardian.

16 (6) Pull tabs and jar games shall be conducted only:
17 (A) on premises owned or occupied by licensed
18 organizations and used by its members for general
19 activities, or on premises owned or rented for conducting
20 the game of bingo, (B) on the premises of the
21 establishment subject to the video gaming license, or (C)
22 as permitted in subsection (4) of Section 3.

23 (Source: P.A. 95-228, eff. 8-16-07.)

24 Section 10. The Video Gaming Act is amended by changing
25 Section 5 and by adding Section 21 as follows:

1 (230 ILCS 40/5)

2 Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

3 "Board" means the Illinois Gaming Board.

4 "Credit" means one, 5, 10, or 25 cents either won or
5 purchased by a player.

6 "Distributor" means an individual, partnership,
7 corporation, or limited liability company licensed under this
8 Act to buy, sell, lease, or distribute video gaming terminals
9 or major components or parts of video gaming terminals to or
10 from terminal operators.

11 "Electronic card" means a card purchased from a licensed
12 establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, licensed
13 veterans establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, or
14 licensed large truck stop establishment for use in that
15 establishment as a substitute for cash in the conduct of
16 gaming on a video gaming terminal.

17 "Electronic voucher" means a voucher printed by an
18 electronic video game machine that is redeemable in the
19 licensed establishment for which it was issued.

20 "In-location bonus jackpot" means one or more video gaming
21 terminals at a single licensed establishment that allows for
22 wagers placed on such video gaming terminals to contribute to
23 a cumulative maximum jackpot of up to \$10,000.

24 "Terminal operator" means an individual, partnership,
25 corporation, or limited liability company that is licensed

1 under this Act and that owns, services, and maintains video
2 gaming terminals for placement in licensed establishments,
3 licensed truck stop establishments, licensed large truck stop
4 establishments, licensed fraternal establishments, or licensed
5 veterans establishments.

6 "Licensed technician" means an individual who is licensed
7 under this Act to repair, service, and maintain video gaming
8 terminals.

9 "Licensed terminal handler" means a person, including but
10 not limited to an employee or independent contractor working
11 for a manufacturer, distributor, supplier, technician, or
12 terminal operator, who is licensed under this Act to possess
13 or control a video gaming terminal or to have access to the
14 inner workings of a video gaming terminal. A licensed terminal
15 handler does not include an individual, partnership,
16 corporation, or limited liability company defined as a
17 manufacturer, distributor, supplier, technician, or terminal
18 operator under this Act.

19 "Manufacturer" means an individual, partnership,
20 corporation, or limited liability company that is licensed
21 under this Act and that manufactures or assembles video gaming
22 terminals.

23 "Supplier" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
24 or limited liability company that is licensed under this Act
25 to supply major components or parts to video gaming terminals
26 to licensed terminal operators.

1 "Net terminal income" means money put into a video gaming
2 terminal minus credits paid out to players.

3 "Video gaming terminal" means any electronic video game
4 machine that, upon insertion of cash, electronic cards or
5 vouchers, or any combination thereof, is available to play or
6 simulate the play of a video game, including but not limited to
7 video poker, line up, and blackjack, as authorized by the
8 Board utilizing a video display and microprocessors in which
9 the player may receive free games or credits that can be
10 redeemed for cash. The term does not include a machine that
11 directly dispenses coins, cash, or tokens or is for amusement
12 purposes only.

13 "Licensed establishment" means any licensed retail
14 establishment where alcoholic liquor is drawn, poured, mixed,
15 or otherwise served for consumption on the premises, whether
16 the establishment operates on a nonprofit or for-profit basis.

17 "Licensed establishment" includes any such establishment that
18 has a contractual relationship with an inter-track wagering
19 location licensee licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act
20 of 1975, provided any contractual relationship shall not
21 include any transfer or offer of revenue from the operation of
22 video gaming under this Act to any licensee licensed under the
23 Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provided, however, that the
24 licensed establishment that has such a contractual
25 relationship with an inter-track wagering location licensee
26 may not, itself, be (i) an inter-track wagering location

1 licensee, (ii) the corporate parent or subsidiary of any
2 licensee licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975,
3 or (iii) the corporate subsidiary of a corporation that is
4 also the corporate parent or subsidiary of any licensee
5 licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.
6 "Licensed establishment" does not include a facility operated
7 by an organization licensee, an inter-track wagering licensee,
8 or an inter-track wagering location licensee licensed under
9 the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 or a riverboat licensed
10 under the Illinois Gambling Act, except as provided in this
11 paragraph. The changes made to this definition by Public Act
12 98-587 are declarative of existing law.

13 "Licensed fraternal establishment" means the location
14 where a qualified fraternal organization that derives its
15 charter from a national fraternal organization regularly
16 meets.

17 "Licensed veterans establishment" means the location where
18 a qualified veterans organization that derives its charter
19 from a national veterans organization regularly meets.

20 "Licensed truck stop establishment" means a facility (i)
21 that is at least a 3-acre facility with a convenience store,
22 (ii) with separate diesel islands for fueling commercial motor
23 vehicles, (iii) that sells at retail more than 10,000 gallons
24 of diesel or biodiesel fuel per month, and (iv) with parking
25 spaces for commercial motor vehicles. "Commercial motor
26 vehicles" has the same meaning as defined in Section 18b-101

1 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The requirement of item (iii) of
2 this paragraph may be met by showing that estimated future
3 sales or past sales average at least 10,000 gallons per month.

4 "Licensed large truck stop establishment" means a facility
5 located within 3 road miles from a freeway interchange, as
6 measured in accordance with the Department of Transportation's
7 rules regarding the criteria for the installation of business
8 signs: (i) that is at least a 3-acre facility with a
9 convenience store, (ii) with separate diesel islands for
10 fueling commercial motor vehicles, (iii) that sells at retail
11 more than 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel per
12 month, and (iv) with parking spaces for commercial motor
13 vehicles. "Commercial motor vehicles" has the same meaning as
14 defined in Section 18b-101 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The
15 requirement of item (iii) of this paragraph may be met by
16 showing that estimated future sales or past sales average at
17 least 50,000 gallons per month.

18 "Licensed video gaming establishment" means a licensed
19 establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, licensed
20 veterans establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, or
21 licensed large truck stop establishment.

22 "Sales agent and broker" means an individual, partnership,
23 corporation, limited liability company, or other business
24 entity engaged in the solicitation or receipt of business from
25 current or potential licensed establishments, licensed
26 fraternal establishments, licensed veterans establishments,

1 licensed truck stop establishments, or licensed large truck
2 stop establishments either on an employment or contractual
3 basis.

4 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19; 102-689, eff. 12-17-21.)

5 (230 ILCS 40/21 new)

6 Sec. 21. Sports betting squares.

7 (a) The Board, upon application by a licensed video gaming
8 establishment, may issue a license to sell sports betting
9 squares as a low-stakes, chance-based promotional game. A
10 licensed video gaming establishment shall comply with any
11 applicable consumer protections and reporting.

12 (b) In conducting the sale of sports betting squares, the
13 licensed video gaming establishment:

14 (1) shall establish a maximum board or pool price cap
15 of \$100 per square;

16 (2) shall establish a mandatory payout percentage;

17 (3) shall publicly post rules for the purchase and
18 play of sports betting squares; AND

19 (4) may claim any proceeds received from sports
20 betting squares as operational revenue or direct the
21 proceeds to a charity of its choice; any portion of the
22 proceeds claimed as operational revenue shall be treated
23 in the same manner as net terminal income under Section
24 60.

25 (c) For the purposes of this Section, sports betting

1 squares shall not include odds, parlays, proposition bets, or
2 online or mobile components. Sports betting squares must be a
3 fixed-grid pool of randomly assigned numbers.

4 (d) The Board shall oversee all operational compliance of
5 a licensed video gaming establishment that sells sports
6 betting squares under this Section.

7 (e) The Board shall adopt any rules necessary to implement
8 this Section.