



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB2659

Introduced 5/7/2025, by Sen. Erica Harriss

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 2905/4.1 new

Amends the State Fire Marshal Act. Provides that the Office of State Fire Marshal shall adopt amendments to the rules set forth in 41 Ill. Adm. Code 149.20 to adhere to the intent of the U.S. Coast Guard in its June 21, 2004 Federal Register notice, which described that permanently moored vessels (PMVs) are gaming, casino, or other vessels that are designed and constructed for use by gaming operations. Effective July 1, 2025.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Fire Marshal Act is amended by adding
5 Section 4.1 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 2905/4.1 new)

7 Sec. 4.1. Office of the State Fire Marshal; definition of
8 permanently moored craft. The Office of State Fire Marshal
9 shall adopt amendments to the rules set forth in 41 Ill. Adm.
10 Code 149.20 to adhere to the intent of the U.S. Coast Guard in
11 its June 21, 2004 Federal Register notice, which described
12 that permanently moored vessels (PMVs) are gaming, casino, or
13 other vessels that are designed and constructed for use by
14 gaming operations. Following amendment, the rule's definition
15 of "Permanently Moored Craft" shall state:

16 "Permanently Moored Craft" or "PMC" (formerly referred to
17 in OSFM rules as permanently moored vessel or PMV) means any
18 ship, barge, or other craft used for the purpose of table
19 gaming as defined in the Illinois Gambling Act that is
20 permanently fixed to a foundation or mooring that, by virtue
21 of its design and mooring arrangement, lacks the practical
22 capability of being used as transportation on the water. By
23 definition, as a matter of federal law (1 U.S.C. 3), these

1 craft are not vessels for purposes of admiralty jurisdiction
2 and are, thus, not directly subject to Coast Guard regulation
3 or inspection. (See: Stewart v. Dutra Construction Co.; 543
4 U.S. 481, 494 (2005); U.S. Department of Homeland Security,
5 Coast Guard, Notice of Policy on Craft Routinely Operated
6 Dockside; 74 Fed. Reg. 21814 (May 11, 2009).)

7 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,
8 2025.