



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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SB2667

Introduced 5/26/2025, by Sen. Sara Feigenholtz

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 100/5-45.65 new
230 ILCS 45/25-10
230 ILCS 45/25-66 new

Amends the Sports Wagering Act. Specifies that, for purposes of the Act, the term "sports event" includes any awards show. Provides that "awards show" means the Emmy Awards Show, the Grammy Awards Show, the Academy Awards Show, the Tony Awards Show, or any other live competition or talent contest. Grants rulemaking and emergency rulemaking powers to the Illinois Gaming Board to authorize wagering on awards shows. Amends the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to make conforming changes. Effective immediately.

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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 Administrative Procedure Act is
5 amended by adding Section 5-45.65 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 100/5-45.65 new)

7 Sec. 5-45.65. Emergency rulemaking; awards show wagering.
8 To provide for the expeditious and timely implementation of
9 changes made to the Sports Wagering Act by this amendatory Act
10 of the 104th General Assembly, emergency rules implementing
11 the changes made to the Sports Wagering Act by this amendatory
12 Act of the 104th General Assembly may be adopted in accordance
13 with Section 5-45 by the Illinois Gaming Board. The adoption
14 of emergency rules authorized by Section 5-45 and this Section
15 is deemed to be necessary for the public interest, safety, and
16 welfare.

17 This Section is repealed one year after the effective date
18 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly.

19 Section 10. The Sports Wagering Act is amended by changing
20 Section 25-10 and by adding Section 25-66 as follows:

21 (230 ILCS 45/25-10)

1 Sec. 25-10. Definitions. As used in this Act:

2 "Adjusted gross sports wagering receipts" means a master
3 sports wagering licensee's gross sports wagering receipts,
4 less winnings paid to wagerers in such games.

5 "Athlete" means any current or former professional athlete
6 or collegiate athlete.

7 "Awards show" means the Emmy Awards Show, the Grammy
8 Awards Show, the Academy Awards Show, the Tony Awards Show, or
9 any other live competition or talent contest.

10 "Board" means the Illinois Gaming Board.

11 "Covered persons" includes athletes; umpires, referees,
12 and officials; personnel associated with clubs, teams,
13 leagues, and athletic associations; medical professionals
14 (including athletic trainers) who provide services to athletes
15 and players; and the family members and associates of these
16 persons where required to serve the purposes of this Act.

17 "Department" means the Department of the Lottery.

18 "Gaming facility" means a facility at which gambling
19 operations are conducted under the Illinois Gambling Act,
20 pari-mutuel wagering is conducted under the Illinois Horse
21 Racing Act of 1975, or sports wagering is conducted under this
22 Act.

23 "Official league data" means statistics, results,
24 outcomes, and other data related to a sports event obtained
25 pursuant to an agreement with the relevant sports governing
26 body, or an entity expressly authorized by the sports

1 governing body to provide such information to licensees, that
2 authorizes the use of such data for determining the outcome of
3 tier 2 sports wagers on such sports events.

4 "Organization licensee" has the meaning given to that term
5 in the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.

6 "Owners licensee" means the holder of an owners license
7 under the Illinois Gambling Act.

8 "Person" means an individual, partnership, committee,
9 association, corporation, or any other organization or group
10 of persons.

11 "Personal biometric data" means an athlete's information
12 derived from DNA, heart rate, blood pressure, perspiration
13 rate, internal or external body temperature, hormone levels,
14 glucose levels, hydration levels, vitamin levels, bone
15 density, muscle density, and sleep patterns.

16 "Prohibited conduct" includes any statement, action, and
17 other communication intended to influence, manipulate, or
18 control a betting outcome of a sporting contest or of any
19 individual occurrence or performance in a sporting contest in
20 exchange for financial gain or to avoid financial or physical
21 harm. "Prohibited conduct" includes statements, actions, and
22 communications made to a covered person by a third party, such
23 as a family member or through social media. "Prohibited
24 conduct" does not include statements, actions, or
25 communications made or sanctioned by a team or sports
26 governing body.

1 "Qualified applicant" means an applicant for a license
2 under this Act whose application meets the mandatory minimum
3 qualification criteria as required by the Board.

4 "Sporting contest" means a sports event or game on which
5 the State allows sports wagering to occur under this Act.

6 "Sports event" means a professional sport or athletic
7 event, a collegiate sport or athletic event, a motor race
8 event, or any other event or competition of relative skill
9 authorized by the Board under this Act. "Sports event"
10 includes, unless the context requires otherwise, any awards
11 show.

12 "Sports facility" means a facility that hosts sports
13 events and holds a seating capacity greater than 17,000
14 persons, except in a municipality with a population of more
15 than 1,000,000, a seating capacity greater than 10,000
16 persons.

17 "Sports governing body" means the organization that
18 prescribes final rules and enforces codes of conduct with
19 respect to a sports event and participants therein.

20 "Sports wagering" means accepting wagers on sports events
21 or portions of sports events, or on the individual performance
22 statistics of athletes or other participants in a sports event
23 or combination of sports events, by any system or method of
24 wagering, including, but not limited to, in person or over the
25 Internet through websites and on mobile devices. "Sports
26 wagering" includes, but is not limited to, single-game bets,

1 teaser bets, parlays, over-under, moneyline, pools, exchange
2 wagering, in-game wagering, in-play bets, proposition bets,
3 and straight bets.

4 "Sports wagering account" means a financial record
5 established by a master sports wagering licensee for an
6 individual patron in which the patron may deposit and withdraw
7 funds for sports wagering and other authorized purchases and
8 to which the master sports wagering licensee may credit
9 winnings or other amounts due to that patron or authorized by
10 that patron.

11 "Tier 1 sports wager" means a sports wager that is
12 determined solely by the final score or final outcome of the
13 sports event and is placed before the sports event has begun.

14 "Tier 2 sports wager" means a sports wager that is not a
15 tier 1 sports wager.

16 "Wager" means a sum of money or thing of value risked on an
17 uncertain occurrence.

18 "Winning bidder" means a qualified applicant for a master
19 sports wagering license chosen through the competitive
20 selection process under Section 25-45.

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

22 (230 ILCS 45/25-66 new)

23 Sec. 25-66. Awards show wagering.

24 (a) The Board shall, within 6 months after the effective
25 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly,

1 adopt rules that permit wagering on awards shows pursuant to
2 Section 25-20.

3 (b) Rules proposed by the Board may be adopted as
4 emergency rules pursuant to Section 5-45 of the Illinois
5 Administrative Procedure Act.

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