

# SB2781



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Introduced 1/13/2026, by Sen. Patrick J. Joyce

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 10/4

from Ch. 120, par. 2404

Amends the Illinois Gambling Act. Changes the definition of "adjusted gross receipts" to mean the total of all cash and cash equivalents received by a licensee minus the total of: (1) all cash and cash equivalents paid out as winnings to wagerers; (2) the actual costs paid by a licensee for anything of value provided to and redeemed by wagerers; (3) voided or cancelled wagers; and (4) the costs of free play or promotional credits provided to and redeemed by the applicable licensee's wagerers.

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A BILL FOR

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 Gambling Act is amended by  
5 changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 10/4) (from Ch. 120, par. 2404)

7 Sec. 4. Definitions. As used in this Act:

8 "Board" means the Illinois Gaming Board.

9 "Occupational license" means a license issued by the Board  
10 to a person or entity to perform an occupation which the Board  
11 has identified as requiring a license to engage in riverboat  
12 gambling, casino gambling, or gaming pursuant to an  
13 organization gaming license issued under this Act in Illinois.

14 "Gambling game" includes, but is not limited to, baccarat,  
15 twenty-one, poker, craps, slot machine, video game of chance,  
16 roulette wheel, klondike table, punchboard, faro layout, keno  
17 layout, numbers ticket, push card, jar ticket, or pull tab  
18 which is authorized by the Board as a wagering device under  
19 this Act.

20 "Riverboat" means a self-propelled excursion boat, a  
21 permanently moored barge, or permanently moored barges that  
22 are permanently fixed together to operate as one vessel, on  
23 which lawful gambling is authorized and licensed as provided

1 in this Act.

2 "Slot machine" means any mechanical, electrical, or other  
3 device, contrivance, or machine that is authorized by the  
4 Board as a wagering device under this Act which, upon  
5 insertion of a coin, currency, token, or similar object  
6 therein, or upon payment of any consideration whatsoever, is  
7 available to play or operate, the play or operation of which  
8 may deliver or entitle the person playing or operating the  
9 machine to receive cash, premiums, merchandise, tokens, or  
10 anything of value whatsoever, whether the payoff is made  
11 automatically from the machine or in any other manner  
12 whatsoever. A slot machine:

13 (1) may utilize spinning reels or video displays or  
14 both;

15 (2) may or may not dispense coins, tickets, or tokens  
16 to winning patrons;

17 (3) may use an electronic credit system for receiving  
18 wagers and making payouts; and

19 (4) may simulate a table game.

20 "Slot machine" does not include table games authorized by  
21 the Board as a wagering device under this Act.

22 "Managers license" means a license issued by the Board to  
23 a person or entity to manage gambling operations conducted by  
24 the State pursuant to Section 7.3.

25 "Dock" means the location where a riverboat moors for the  
26 purpose of embarking passengers for and disembarking

1 passengers from the riverboat.

2 "Gross receipts" means the total amount of money exchanged  
3 for the purchase of chips, tokens, or electronic cards by  
4 riverboat patrons.

5 "Adjusted gross receipts" means the total of all cash and  
6 cash equivalents received by a licensee minus the total of:

7 (1) all cash and cash equivalents paid out as winnings  
8 to wagerers;

9 (2) the actual costs paid by a licensee for anything  
10 of value provided to and redeemed by wagerers, including  
11 merchandise or services distributed to wagerers to  
12 incentivize wagering;

13 (3) voided or cancelled wagers; and

14 (4) the costs of free play or promotional credits  
15 provided to and redeemed by the applicable licensee's  
16 wagerers. ~~gross receipts less winnings paid to wagerers.~~

17 "Cheat" means to alter the selection of criteria which  
18 determine the result of a gambling game or the amount or  
19 frequency of payment in a gambling game.

20 "Gambling operation" means the conduct of gambling games  
21 authorized under this Act upon a riverboat or in a casino or  
22 authorized under this Act and the Illinois Horse Racing Act of  
23 1975 at an organization gaming facility.

24 "License bid" means the lump sum amount of money that an  
25 applicant bids and agrees to pay the State in return for an  
26 owners license that is issued or re-issued on or after July 1,

1 2003.

2 "Table game" means a live gaming apparatus upon which  
3 gaming is conducted or that determines an outcome that is the  
4 object of a wager, including, but not limited to, baccarat,  
5 twenty-one, blackjack, poker, craps, roulette wheel, klondike  
6 table, punchboard, faro layout, keno layout, numbers ticket,  
7 push card, jar ticket, pull tab, or other similar games that  
8 are authorized by the Board as a wagering device under this  
9 Act. "Table game" does not include slot machines or video  
10 games of chance.

11 The terms "minority person", "woman", and "person with a  
12 disability" shall have the same meaning as defined in Section  
13 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and  
14 Persons with Disabilities Act.

15 "Casino" means a facility at which lawful gambling is  
16 authorized as provided in this Act.

17 "Owners license" means a license to conduct riverboat or  
18 casino gambling operations, but does not include an  
19 organization gaming license.

20 "Licensed owner" means a person who holds an owners  
21 license.

22 "Organization gaming facility" means that portion of an  
23 organization licensee's racetrack facilities at which gaming  
24 authorized under Section 7.7 is conducted.

25 "Organization gaming license" means a license issued by  
26 the Illinois Gaming Board under Section 7.7 of this Act

1 authorizing gaming pursuant to that Section at an organization  
2 gaming facility.

3 "Organization gaming licensee" means an entity that holds  
4 an organization gaming license.

5 "Organization licensee" means an entity authorized by the  
6 Illinois Racing Board to conduct pari-mutuel wagering in  
7 accordance with the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. With  
8 respect only to gaming pursuant to an organization gaming  
9 license, "organization licensee" includes the authorization  
10 for gaming created under subsection (a) of Section 56 of the  
11 Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.

12 (Source: P.A. 100-391, eff. 8-25-17; 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)