

SB3270



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/3/2026, by Sen. Bill Cunningham

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 40/5
230 ILCS 40/20

Amends the Video Gaming Act. Makes changes to defined terms. Provides that each licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, and licensed veterans establishment at which video gaming terminals are available shall have a payout device approved by the Board. Removes provisions requiring a player to turn in the player's ticket to the appropriate person at those establishments. Provides that no cash award for the maximum wager on any individual hand shall exceed the W-2G reporting requirements set by the Internal Revenue Service (instead of \$1,199). Requires credits to be awarded to players as authorized by the Act. Removes provisions prohibiting the cash award for the maximum wager on a jackpot from exceeding \$10,000. Removes provisions concerning in-location bonus jackpot games.

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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 Video Gaming Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 5 and 20 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 40/5)

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

8 "Board" means the Illinois Gaming Board.

9 "Credit" means one, 5, 10, or 25 cents either ~~won or~~
10 purchased by a player for wagering purposes or awarded to a
11 player as winnings, with such winnings payable in
12 dollar-denominated credits in either cash currency, an
13 electronic voucher, or a Board-authorized digital wallet.

14 "Distributor" means an individual, partnership,
15 corporation, or limited liability company licensed under this
16 Act to buy, sell, lease, or distribute video gaming terminals
17 or major components or parts of video gaming terminals to or
18 from terminal operators.

19 "Electronic card" means a card purchased from a licensed
20 establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, licensed
21 veterans establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, or
22 licensed large truck stop establishment for use in that
23 establishment as a substitute for cash in the conduct of

1 gaming on a video gaming terminal.

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

5 ~~"In location bonus jackpot" means one or more video gaming~~
6 ~~terminals at a single licensed establishment that allows for~~
7 ~~wagers placed on such video gaming terminals to contribute to~~
8 ~~a cumulative maximum jackpot of up to \$10,000.~~

9 "Terminal operator" means an individual, partnership,
10 corporation, or limited liability company that is licensed
11 under this Act and that owns, services, and maintains video
12 gaming terminals for placement in licensed establishments,
13 licensed truck stop establishments, licensed large truck stop
14 establishments, licensed fraternal establishments, or licensed
15 veterans establishments.

16 "Licensed technician" means an individual who is licensed
17 under this Act to repair, service, and maintain video gaming
18 terminals.

19 "Licensed terminal handler" means a person, including but
20 not limited to an employee or independent contractor working
21 for a manufacturer, distributor, supplier, technician, or
22 terminal operator, who is licensed under this Act to possess
23 or control a video gaming terminal or to have access to the
24 inner workings of a video gaming terminal. A licensed terminal
25 handler does not include an individual, partnership,
26 corporation, or limited liability company defined as a

1 manufacturer, distributor, supplier, technician, or terminal
2 operator under this Act.

3 "Manufacturer" means an individual, partnership,
4 corporation, or limited liability company that is licensed
5 under this Act and that manufactures or assembles video gaming
6 terminals.

7 "Supplier" means an individual, partnership, corporation,
8 or limited liability company that is licensed under this Act
9 to supply major components or parts to video gaming terminals
10 to licensed terminal operators.

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

13 "Video gaming terminal" means any electronic video game
14 machine that, upon insertion of cash, electronic cards or
15 vouchers, or any combination thereof, is available to play or
16 simulate the play of a video game, including but not limited to
17 video poker, line up, and blackjack, as authorized by the
18 Board utilizing a video display and microprocessors in which
19 the player may receive free games or credits that can be
20 redeemed for cash. The term does not include a machine that
21 directly dispenses coins, cash, or tokens or is for amusement
22 purposes only.

23 "Licensed establishment" means any licensed retail
24 establishment where alcoholic liquor is drawn, poured, mixed,
25 or otherwise served for consumption on the premises, whether
26 the establishment operates on a nonprofit or for-profit basis.

1 "Licensed establishment" includes any such establishment that
2 has a contractual relationship with an inter-track wagering
3 location licensee licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act
4 of 1975, provided any contractual relationship shall not
5 include any transfer or offer of revenue from the operation of
6 video gaming under this Act to any licensee licensed under the
7 Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provided, however, that the
8 licensed establishment that has such a contractual
9 relationship with an inter-track wagering location licensee
10 may not, itself, be (i) an inter-track wagering location
11 licensee, (ii) the corporate parent or subsidiary of any
12 licensee licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975,
13 or (iii) the corporate subsidiary of a corporation that is
14 also the corporate parent or subsidiary of any licensee
15 licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.

16 "Licensed establishment" does not include a facility operated
17 by an organization licensee, an inter-track wagering licensee,
18 or an inter-track wagering location licensee licensed under
19 the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 or a riverboat licensed
20 under the Illinois Gambling Act, except as provided in this
21 paragraph. The changes made to this definition by Public Act
22 98-587 are declarative of existing law.

23 "Licensed fraternal establishment" means the location
24 where a qualified fraternal organization that derives its
25 charter from a national fraternal organization regularly
26 meets.

1 "Licensed veterans establishment" means the location where
2 a qualified veterans organization that derives its charter
3 from a national veterans organization regularly meets.

4 "Licensed truck stop establishment" means a facility (i)
5 that is at least a 3-acre facility with a convenience store,
6 (ii) with separate diesel islands for fueling commercial motor
7 vehicles, (iii) that sells at retail more than 10,000 gallons
8 of diesel or biodiesel fuel per month, and (iv) with parking
9 spaces for commercial motor vehicles. "Commercial motor
10 vehicles" has the same meaning as defined in Section 18b-101
11 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. The requirement of item (iii) of
12 this paragraph may be met by showing that estimated future
13 sales or past sales average at least 10,000 gallons per month.

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

1 least 50,000 gallons per month.

2 "Sales agent and broker" means an individual, partnership,
3 corporation, limited liability company, or other business
4 entity engaged in the solicitation or receipt of business from
5 current or potential licensed establishments, licensed
6 fraternal establishments, licensed veterans establishments,
7 licensed truck stop establishments, or licensed large truck
8 stop establishments either on an employment or contractual
9 basis.

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

11 (230 ILCS 40/20)

12 Sec. 20. Video gaming terminal payouts.

13 (a) A video gaming terminal may not directly dispense
14 coins, cash, tokens, or any other article of exchange or value
15 except for receipt tickets. Tickets shall be dispensed by
16 pressing the ticket dispensing button on the video gaming
17 terminal at the end of one's turn or play. The ticket shall
18 indicate the total amount of credits and the cash award, the
19 time of day in a 24-hour format showing hours and minutes, the
20 date, the terminal serial number, the sequential number of the
21 ticket, and an encrypted validation number from which the
22 validity of the prize may be determined. Each licensed
23 establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed
24 large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal
25 establishment, and licensed veterans establishment at which

1 video gaming terminals are available shall have a payout
2 device approved by the Board ~~The player shall turn in this~~
3 ~~ticket to the appropriate person at the licensed~~
4 ~~establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed~~
5 ~~large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal~~
6 ~~establishment, or licensed veterans establishment to receive~~
7 ~~the cash award.~~

8 (b) The cost of the credit shall be one cent, 5 cents, 10
9 cents, 25 cents, or \$1, and the maximum wager played per hand
10 shall not exceed \$4. No cash award for the maximum wager on any
11 individual hand shall exceed the W-2G reporting requirements
12 set by the Internal Revenue Service. Credits must be awarded
13 to players as authorized by this Act \$1,199. ~~No cash award for~~
14 ~~the maximum wager on a jackpot, progressive or otherwise,~~
15 ~~shall exceed \$10,000.~~

16 (c) (Blank). ~~In location bonus jackpot games are hereby~~
17 ~~authorized. The Board shall adopt emergency rules pursuant to~~
18 ~~Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act to~~
19 ~~implement this subsection (c) within 90 days after the~~
20 ~~effective date of this amendatory Act of the 101st General~~
21 ~~Assembly. Jackpot winnings from in location progressive games~~
22 ~~shall be paid by the terminal operator to the player not later~~
23 ~~than 3 days after winning such a jackpot.~~

24 (Source: P.A. 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)