



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB4019

Introduced 2/6/2026, 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 cash awards to be awarded in denominations rounded to the nearest 5 cent credit.

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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 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 or 5, 10, or 25 cents cash award won by a
11 player.

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

17 "Electronic card" means a card purchased from a licensed
18 establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, licensed
19 veterans establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, or
20 licensed large truck stop establishment for use in that
21 establishment as a substitute for cash in the conduct of
22 gaming on a video gaming terminal.

23 "Electronic voucher" means a voucher printed by an

1 electronic video game machine that is redeemable in the
2 licensed establishment for which it was issued.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 "Licensed establishment" includes any such establishment that
26 has a contractual relationship with an inter-track wagering

1 location licensee licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act
2 of 1975, provided any contractual relationship shall not
3 include any transfer or offer of revenue from the operation of
4 video gaming under this Act to any licensee licensed under the
5 Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975. Provided, however, that the
6 licensed establishment that has such a contractual
7 relationship with an inter-track wagering location licensee
8 may not, itself, be (i) an inter-track wagering location
9 licensee, (ii) the corporate parent or subsidiary of any
10 licensee licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975,
11 or (iii) the corporate subsidiary of a corporation that is
12 also the corporate parent or subsidiary of any licensee
13 licensed under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975.
14 "Licensed establishment" does not include a facility operated
15 by an organization licensee, an inter-track wagering licensee,
16 or an inter-track wagering location licensee licensed under
17 the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 or a riverboat licensed
18 under the Illinois Gambling Act, except as provided in this
19 paragraph. The changes made to this definition by Public Act
20 98-587 are declarative of existing law.

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

25 "Licensed veterans establishment" means the location where
26 a qualified veterans organization that derives its charter

1 from a national veterans organization regularly meets.

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

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

26 "Sales agent and broker" means an individual, partnership,

1 corporation, limited liability company, or other business
2 entity engaged in the solicitation or receipt of business from
3 current or potential licensed establishments, licensed
4 fraternal establishments, licensed veterans establishments,
5 licensed truck stop establishments, or licensed large truck
6 stop establishments either on an employment or contractual
7 basis.

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

9 (230 ILCS 40/20)

10 Sec. 20. Video gaming terminal payouts.

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

1 ~~ticket to the appropriate person at the licensed~~
2 ~~establishment, licensed truck stop establishment, licensed~~
3 ~~large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal~~
4 ~~establishment, or licensed veterans establishment to receive~~
5 ~~the cash award.~~

6 (b) The cost of the credit shall be one cent, 5 cents, 10
7 cents, 25 cents, or \$1, and the maximum wager played per hand
8 shall not exceed \$4. No cash award for the maximum wager on any
9 individual hand shall exceed the W-2G reporting requirements
10 set by the Internal Revenue Service. Cash awards shall be
11 awarded in denominations rounded to the nearest 5 cent credit,
12 with rounding conducted upward or downward as applicable
13 ~~\$1,199~~. No cash award for the maximum wager on a jackpot,
14 progressive or otherwise, shall exceed \$10,000.

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

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