

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 1. Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5 (1) the State continues to have a responsibility to
6 provide resources related to prevention, treatment, and
7 recovery for persons suffering with a gambling problem or
8 gambling disorder; and

9 (2) a task force is necessary in order for there to be
10 a comprehensive review of gambling funding, services,
11 programs, and policies.

12 Section 5. The Illinois Gambling Act is amended by adding
13 Section 13.3 as follows:

14 (230 ILCS 10/13.3 new)

15 Sec. 13.3. Problem Gambling Task Force.

16 (a) The Problem Gambling Task Force is created to provide
17 recommendations to the General Assembly on how the State
18 should continue to meet its responsibility to assist those who
19 suffer from a gambling problem or disorder. The Task Force
20 shall be composed of:

21 (1) one member of the Senate who shall serve as
22 cochair of the Task Force, appointed by the President of

1 the Senate;

2 (2) one member of the Senate, appointed by the
3 Minority Leader of the Senate;

4 (3) one member of the House of Representatives who
5 shall serve as cochair of the Task Force, appointed by the
6 Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7 (4) one member of the House of Representatives,
8 appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of
9 Representatives;

10 (5) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
11 representative from the health care industry;

12 (6) one member appointed by the Director of Public
13 Health who is a representative from the Department of
14 Public Health;

15 (7) one member appointed by the Chairman of the
16 Illinois Gaming Board who is a representative from the
17 Illinois Gaming Board;

18 (8) one member appointed by the Director of the
19 Lottery who is a representative from the Department of the
20 Lottery;

21 (9) one member appointed by the Chairman of the
22 Illinois Racing Board who is a representative from the
23 Illinois Racing Board;

24 (10) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
25 representative from a nonprofit organization with
26 experience in problem gambling treatment and recovery

1 services;

2 (11) one member of the public appointed by the
3 Governor who is impacted by a gambling problem or gambling
4 disorder;

5 (12) one member appointed by the Governor who is a
6 representative from a business or organization licensed
7 under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, the Illinois
8 Gambling Act, the Video Gaming Act, or the Sports Wagering
9 Act; and

10 (13) other State agency representatives or stakeholder
11 group representatives specially appointed by the Task
12 Force for the purpose of participating in specific topic
13 discussions or subcommittees.

14 The members of the Task Force shall serve without
15 compensation, but they shall be reimbursed for their expenses
16 incurred in performing their duties. The Task Force shall meet
17 at least 4 times.

18 (b) The Task Force shall:

19 (1) review existing programs, services, and treatment
20 to address problem gambling and gambling disorders in this
21 State by public, private, and nonprofit entities;

22 (2) review existing programs, services, and treatment
23 to address problem gambling and gambling disorders in
24 other states and the federal government;

25 (3) review the emerging nexus between gambling
26 advertisements and gambling addiction;

1 (4) make recommendations to the General Assembly
2 regarding:

3 (A) whether additional research and study is
4 needed on the prevalence of problem gambling and
5 gambling disorders in the State;

6 (B) whether this State should expand State funding
7 for prevention, treatment, and recovery services to
8 address the need for these programs; and

9 (C) whether the current delivery of State
10 licensing and certification of problem gambling
11 providers meets the current and projected future
12 demand for services; and

13 (5) identify additional problem gambling areas for
14 consideration and any actions needed to ensure the State
15 or gambling regulatory entities are effectively addressing
16 problem gambling in an attempt to reduce the number of
17 persons impacted by this problem.

18 (c) The Department of Human Services shall provide
19 administrative and other support to the Task Force.

20 (d) The Task Force shall submit a report of its
21 recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by
22 December 31, 2025.

23 (e) This Section is repealed January 1, 2027.