



101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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HB5483

by Rep. Robert Rita

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 45/25-30

Amends the Sports Wagering Act. Provides that to be issued a master sports wagering license, an organization licensee under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 shall: (1) have entered into a signed contract with the horsemen's association representing the largest number of owners, trainers, jockeys, or standardbred drivers who race horses at the race meeting of the organization licensee that covers the entire term of a master sports wagering license and the conditions at which the organization gaming licensee would conduct sports wagering, including, but not limited to, providing services for backstretch workers; and (2) have been issued an organization gaming license under the Illinois Gambling Act. Requires an organization licensee to meet the same requirements in order to renew the master sports wagering license. 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 Sports Wagering Act is amended by changing
5 Section 25-30 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 45/25-30)

7 Sec. 25-30. Master sports wagering license issued to an
8 organization licensee.

9 (a) An organization licensee may apply to the Board for a
10 master sports wagering license. On and after the effective date
11 of this amendatory Act of the 101st General Assembly, the Board
12 shall only issue a master sports wagering license to an
13 organization licensee that: (1) has entered into a signed
14 contract with the horsemen's association representing the
15 largest number of owners, trainers, jockeys, or standardbred
16 drivers who race horses at the race meeting of the organization
17 licensee that covers the entire term of a master sports
18 wagering license and the conditions at which the organization
19 gaming licensee would conduct sports wagering, including, but
20 not limited to, providing services for backstretch workers; and
21 (2) has been issued an organization gaming license under the
22 Illinois Gambling Act. To the extent permitted by federal and
23 State law, the Board shall actively seek to achieve racial,

1 ethnic, and geographic diversity when issuing master sports
2 wagering licenses to organization licensees and encourage
3 minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses,
4 veteran-owned businesses, and businesses owned by persons with
5 disabilities to apply for licensure. Additionally, the report
6 published under subsection (m) of Section 25-45 shall impact
7 the issuance of the master sports wagering license to the
8 extent permitted by federal and State law.

9 For the purposes of this subsection (a), "minority-owned
10 business", "women-owned business", and "business owned by
11 persons with disabilities" have the meanings given to those
12 terms in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities,
13 Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

14 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (b),
15 the initial license fee for a master sports wagering license
16 for an organization licensee is 5% of its handle from the
17 preceding calendar year or the lowest amount that is required
18 to be paid as an initial license fee by an owners licensee
19 under subsection (b) of Section 25-35, whichever is greater. No
20 initial license fee shall exceed \$10,000,000. An organization
21 licensee licensed on the effective date of this Act shall pay
22 the initial master sports wagering license fee by July 1, 2020.
23 For an organization licensee licensed after the effective date
24 of this Act, the master sports wagering license fee shall be
25 \$5,000,000, but the amount shall be adjusted 12 months after
26 the organization licensee begins racing operations based on 5%

1 of its handle from the first 12 months of racing operations.
2 The master sports wagering license is valid for 4 years.

3 (c) The organization licensee may renew the master sports
4 wagering license for a period of 4 years by paying a \$1,000,000
5 renewal fee to the Board. To renew the master sports wagering
6 license, an organization licensee shall: (1) have entered into
7 a signed contract with the horsemen's association representing
8 the largest number of owners, trainers, jockeys, or
9 standardbred drivers who race horses at the race meeting of the
10 organization licensee that covers the entire term of a master
11 sports wagering license and the conditions at which the
12 organization gaming licensee would conduct sports wagering,
13 including, but not limited to, providing services for
14 backstretch workers; and (2) have been issued an organization
15 gaming license under the Illinois Gambling Act.

16 (d) An organization licensee issued a master sports
17 wagering license may conduct sports wagering:

18 (1) at its facility at which inter-track wagering is
19 conducted pursuant to an inter-track wagering license
20 under the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975;

21 (2) at 3 inter-track wagering locations if the
22 inter-track wagering location licensee from which it
23 derives its license is an organization licensee that is
24 issued a master sports wagering license; and

25 (3) over the Internet or through a mobile application.

26 (e) The sports wagering offered over the Internet or

1 through a mobile application shall only be offered under either
2 the same brand as the organization licensee is operating under
3 or a brand owned by a direct or indirect holding company that
4 owns at least an 80% interest in that organization licensee on
5 the effective date of this Act.

6 (f) Until issuance of the first license under Section
7 25-45, an individual must create a sports wagering account in
8 person at a facility under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection
9 (d) to participate in sports wagering offered over the Internet
10 or through a mobile application.

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

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.