

1 AN ACT in relation to contributions to candidates,  
2 political committees, and public officials.

3 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
4 represented in the General Assembly:

5 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by adding  
6 Section 9-25.3 as follows:

7 (10 ILCS 5/9-25.3 new)

8 Sec. 9-25.3. Acceptance of prohibited contributions.

9 (a) No candidate, political committee, or public  
10 official shall knowingly accept a contribution or anything of  
11 value from or on behalf of a licensee or applicant for  
12 licensure under the provisions of the Riverboat Gambling Act  
13 or the Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975, nor from any  
14 officer, director, holder, or controller of a legal or  
15 beneficial interest in any such license or application, nor  
16 from any gaming operations manager, nor from any agent of any  
17 such person.

18 (b) A candidate, political committee, or public official  
19 who violates subsection (a) of this Section for the first  
20 time shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

21 (c) A candidate, political committee, or public official  
22 must pay into the State treasury any contribution that (i)  
23 violates this Section or (ii) would have violated this  
24 Section if the contribution has been knowingly accepted by  
25 the candidate, political committee, or public official.

26 (d) A candidate, political committee, or public official  
27 who violates subsection (a) of this Section for a second or  
28 subsequent time shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony. For a  
29 second or subsequent violation of this Section, a fine shall  
30 be imposed of not less than twice the amount of any  
31 contribution accepted by the offending candidate, political

1 committee, or public official.

2 Section 10. The Illinois Horse Racing Act of 1975 is  
3 amended by changing Section 24 as follows:

4 (230 ILCS 5/24) (from Ch. 8, par. 37-24)

5 Sec. 24. (a) No license shall be issued to or held by an  
6 organization licensee unless all of its officers, directors,  
7 and holders of ownership interests of at least 5% are first  
8 approved by the Board. The Board shall not give approval of  
9 an organization license application to any person who has  
10 been convicted of or is under an indictment for a crime of  
11 moral turpitude or has violated any provision of the racing  
12 law of this State or any rules of the Board.

13 (b) An organization licensee must notify the Board  
14 within 10 days of any change in the holders of a direct or  
15 indirect interest in the ownership of the organization  
16 licensee. The Board may, after hearing, revoke the  
17 organization license of any person who registers on its books  
18 or knowingly permits a direct or indirect interest in the  
19 ownership of that person without notifying the Board of the  
20 name of the holder in interest within this period.

21 (c) In addition to the provisions of subsection (a) of  
22 this Section, no person shall be granted an organization  
23 license if any public official of the State or member of his  
24 or her family holds any ownership or financial interest,  
25 directly or indirectly, in the person.

26 (d) No person which has been granted an organization  
27 license to hold a race meeting shall knowingly give to any  
28 public official or member of his family, directly or  
29 indirectly, for or without consideration, any interest in the  
30 person. The Board shall, after hearing, revoke the  
31 organization license granted to a person which has violated  
32 this subsection.

1 (e) (Blank).

2 (f) No organization licensee or concessionaire or  
 3 officer, director or holder or controller of any 5%-or-more  
 4 legal or beneficial interest in any organization licensee or  
 5 concession shall knowingly make any sort of gift or  
 6 contribution of any kind or pay or give any money or other  
 7 thing of value to any person who is a public official, or a  
 8 candidate or nominee for public office or to any political  
 9 committee. A person shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor  
 10 for violating this subsection for the first time. A person  
 11 shall be guilty of a Class 4 felony and, in addition, shall  
 12 suffer revocation of any license granted under this Act if  
 13 that person or any agent of that person violates this  
 14 subsection (f) for a second or subsequent time.

15 (Source: P.A. 89-16, eff. 5-30-95.)

16 Section 15. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by  
17 changing Section 18 and adding Section 13.2 as follows:

18 (230 ILCS 10/13.2 new)

19 Sec. 13.2. Ownership by public official; political  
20 contributions.

21 (a) No licensee or applicant for licensure or agent  
 22 thereof shall knowingly give to any public official or member  
 23 of his or her family, directly or indirectly, for or without  
 24 consideration, any interest in shares of stock or  
 25 certificates or other evidences of ownership of any interest  
 26 in an activity licensed by the Board under this Act. The  
 27 Board shall, after hearing, revoke the license of any  
 28 licensee found in violation of this subsection (a).

29 (b) No licensee or applicant for licensure or officer,  
 30 director, holder, or controller of any legal or beneficial  
 31 interest in any license granted by the Board under this Act  
 32 nor any gaming operations manager or any agent of such person

1 shall knowingly make any sort of gift or contribution of any  
 2 kind or pay or give any money or other thing of value to any  
 3 person who is a public official, or a candidate or nominee  
 4 for public office, or to any agent of such person, or to any  
 5 political committee or other fund-raising entity that gives,  
 6 lends, or otherwise provides funds to meet the expenses of  
 7 any candidate for public office.

8 (230 ILCS 10/18) (from Ch. 120, par. 2418)

9 Sec. 18. Prohibited Activities - Penalty.

10 (a) A person is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for  
 11 doing any of the following:

12 (1) Conducting gambling where wagering is used or  
 13 to be used without a license issued by the Board.

14 (2) Conducting gambling where wagering is permitted  
 15 other than in the manner specified by Section 11.

16 (3) Violating Section 13.2 of this Act for the  
 17 first time.

18 (b) A person is guilty of a Class B misdemeanor for  
 19 doing any of the following:

20 (1) permitting a person under 21 years to make a  
 21 wager; or

22 (2) violating paragraph (12) of subsection (a) of  
 23 Section 11 of this Act.

24 (c) A person wagering or accepting a wager at any  
 25 location outside the riverboat is subject to the penalties in  
 26 paragraphs (1) or (2) of subsection (a) of Section 28-1 of  
 27 the Criminal Code of 1961.

28 (d) A person commits a Class 4 felony and, in addition,  
 29 shall be barred for life from riverboats under the  
 30 jurisdiction of the Board, if the person does any of the  
 31 following:

32 (1) Offers, promises, or gives anything of value or  
 33 benefit to a person who is connected with a riverboat

1 owner including, but not limited to, an officer or  
 2 employee of a licensed owner or holder of an occupational  
 3 license pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or with  
 4 the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit  
 5 will influence the actions of the person to whom the  
 6 offer, promise, or gift was made in order to affect or  
 7 attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game, or to  
 8 influence official action of a member of the Board.

9 (2) Solicits or knowingly accepts or receives a  
 10 promise of anything of value or benefit while the person  
 11 is connected with a riverboat including, but not limited  
 12 to, an officer or employee of a licensed owner, or holder  
 13 of an occupational license, pursuant to an understanding  
 14 or arrangement or with the intent that the promise or  
 15 thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of  
 16 the person to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of  
 17 a gambling game, or to influence official action of a  
 18 member of the Board.

19 (3) Uses or possesses with the intent to use a  
 20 device to assist:

- 21 (i) In projecting the outcome of the game.
- 22 (ii) In keeping track of the cards played.
- 23 (iii) In analyzing the probability of the  
 24 occurrence of an event relating to the gambling  
 25 game.
- 26 (iv) In analyzing the strategy for playing or  
 27 betting to be used in the game except as permitted  
 28 by the Board.

29 (4) Cheats at a gambling game.

30 (5) Manufactures, sells, or distributes any cards,  
 31 chips, dice, game or device which is intended to be used  
 32 to violate any provision of this Act.

33 (6) Alters or misrepresents the outcome of a  
 34 gambling game on which wagers have been made after the

1 outcome is made sure but before it is revealed to the  
2 players.

3 (7) Places a bet after acquiring knowledge, not  
4 available to all players, of the outcome of the gambling  
5 game which is subject of the bet or to aid a person in  
6 acquiring the knowledge for the purpose of placing a bet  
7 contingent on that outcome.

8 (8) Claims, collects, or takes, or attempts to  
9 claim, collect, or take, money or anything of value in or  
10 from the gambling games, with intent to defraud, without  
11 having made a wager contingent on winning a gambling  
12 game, or claims, collects, or takes an amount of money or  
13 thing of value of greater value than the amount won.

14 (9) Uses counterfeit chips or tokens in a gambling  
15 game.

16 (10) Possesses any key or device designed for the  
17 purpose of opening, entering, or affecting the operation  
18 of a gambling game, drop box, or an electronic or  
19 mechanical device connected with the gambling game or for  
20 removing coins, tokens, chips or other contents of a  
21 gambling game. This paragraph (10) does not apply to a  
22 gambling licensee or employee of a gambling licensee  
23 acting in furtherance of the employee's employment.

24 (e) The possession of more than one of the devices  
25 described in subsection (d), paragraphs (3), (5) or (10)  
26 permits a rebuttable presumption that the possessor intended  
27 to use the devices for cheating.

28 (f) A person is guilty of a Class 4 felony and, in  
29 addition, shall suffer revocation of any license granted by  
30 the Board under this Act if such person or any agent thereof  
31 violates Section 13.2 of this Act for a second or subsequent  
32 time.

33 An action to prosecute any crime occurring on a riverboat  
34 shall be tried in the county of the dock at which the

1 riverboat is based.

2 (Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99.)