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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2947

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2947 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Gambling Act is amended by
5 changing Section 9 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 10/9) (from Ch. 120, par. 2409)

7 Sec. 9. Occupational licenses.

8 (a) The Board may issue an occupational license to an
9 applicant upon the payment of a non-refundable fee set by the
10 Board, upon a determination by the Board that the applicant is
11 eligible for an occupational license and upon payment of an
12 annual license fee in an amount to be established. To be
13 eligible for an occupational license, an applicant must:

14 (1) be at least 21 years of age if the applicant will
15 perform any function involved in gaming by patrons. ~~Any~~
16 ~~applicant seeking an occupational license for a non gaming~~

1 ~~function shall be at least 18 years of age;~~

2 (2) not have been convicted of a felony offense, a
3 violation of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the
4 Criminal Code of 2012, or a similar statute of any other
5 jurisdiction if the applicant will perform any function
6 involved in gaming by patrons;

7 (2.5) not have been convicted of a crime, other than a
8 crime described in item (2) of this subsection (a),
9 involving dishonesty or moral turpitude if the applicant
10 will perform any function involved in gaming by patrons,
11 except that the Board may, in its discretion, issue an
12 occupational license to a person who has been convicted of
13 a crime described in this item (2.5) more than 10 years
14 prior to his or her application and has not subsequently
15 been convicted of any other crime;

16 (3) have demonstrated a level of skill or knowledge
17 which the Board determines to be necessary in order to
18 operate gambling aboard a riverboat, in a casino, or at an
19 organization gaming facility; and

20 (4) have met standards for the holding of an
21 occupational license as adopted by rules of the Board.
22 Such rules shall provide that any person or entity seeking
23 an occupational license to manage gambling operations
24 under this Act shall be subject to background inquiries
25 and further requirements similar to those required of
26 applicants for an owners license. Furthermore, such rules

1 shall provide that each such entity shall be permitted to
2 manage gambling operations for only one licensed owner.

3 (b) Each application for an occupational license shall be
4 on forms prescribed by the Board and shall contain all
5 information required by the Board. The applicant shall set
6 forth in the application: whether he has been issued prior
7 gambling related licenses; whether he has been licensed in any
8 other state under any other name, and, if so, such name and his
9 age; and whether or not a permit or license issued to him in
10 any other state has been suspended, restricted or revoked,
11 and, if so, for what period of time.

12 (c) Each applicant shall submit with his application, on
13 forms provided by the Board, 2 sets of his fingerprints. The
14 Board shall charge each applicant a fee set by the Illinois
15 State Police to defray the costs associated with the search
16 and classification of fingerprints obtained by the Board with
17 respect to the applicant's application. These fees shall be
18 paid into the State Police Services Fund. This subsection (c)
19 does not apply to the non-gaming occupational identification
20 badge issued under subsection (j).

21 (d) The Board may in its discretion refuse an occupational
22 license to any person: (1) who is unqualified to perform the
23 duties required of such applicant; (2) who fails to disclose
24 or states falsely any information called for in the
25 application; (3) who has been found guilty of a violation of
26 this Act or whose prior gambling related license or

1 application therefor has been suspended, restricted, revoked
2 or denied for just cause in any other state; (4) who has a
3 background, including a criminal record, reputation, habits,
4 social or business associations, or prior activities, that
5 poses a threat to the public interests of this State or to the
6 security and integrity of gaming; or (5) for any other just
7 cause. When considering criminal convictions of an applicant,
8 the Board shall consider the following factors:

9 (1) the length of time since the conviction;

10 (2) the number of convictions that appear on the
11 conviction record;

12 (3) the nature and severity of the conviction and its
13 relationship to the safety and security of others or the
14 integrity of gaming;

15 (4) the facts or circumstances surrounding the
16 conviction;

17 (5) the age of the employee at the time of the
18 conviction; and

19 (6) evidence of rehabilitation efforts.

20 (e) The Board may suspend, revoke or restrict any
21 occupational licensee: (1) for violation of any provision of
22 this Act; (2) for violation of any of the rules and regulations
23 of the Board; (3) for any cause which, if known to the Board,
24 would have disqualified the applicant from receiving such
25 license; or (4) for default in the payment of any obligation or
26 debt due to the State of Illinois; or (5) for any other just

1 cause.

2 (f) A person who knowingly makes a false statement on an
3 application is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

4 (g) Any license issued pursuant to this Section shall be
5 valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

6 (h) Nothing in this Act shall be interpreted to prohibit a
7 licensed owner or organization gaming licensee from entering
8 into an agreement with a public community college or a school
9 approved under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act
10 of 2012 for the training of any occupational licensee. Any
11 training offered by such a school shall be in accordance with a
12 written agreement between the licensed owner or organization
13 gaming licensee and the school.

14 (i) Any training provided for occupational licensees may
15 be conducted either at the site of the gambling facility or at
16 a school with which a licensed owner or organization gaming
17 licensee has entered into an agreement pursuant to subsection
18 (h).

19 (j) The Board shall not require individuals hired
20 exclusively to perform functions that are not related in any
21 way to gaming operations to hold an occupational license. The
22 Board shall issue a non-gaming occupational identification
23 badge upon submission of an application and payment of a
24 nonrefundable annual fee set by the Board. To be eligible for a
25 non-gaming occupational identification badge, the individual
26 must:

1 (1) be at least 18 years of age;

2 (2) have passed a background check completed by a
3 licensed owner or organization gaming licensee; and

4 (3) pass an annual background check completed by a
5 licensed owner or organization gaming licensee.

6 The Board has the authority to rescind non-gaming
7 occupational identification badges for (i) any reasons
8 provided under Section 9 of this Act and the Board's adopted
9 rules or (ii) any misconduct related to the performance of the
10 holder's job duties. All individuals holding non-gaming
11 occupational identification badges are subject to the
12 jurisdiction of the Board and the Board's standards and
13 adopted rules.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-538, eff. 8-20-21; 103-550, eff. 1-1-24.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law."