



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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SB3489

Introduced 2/14/2020, by Sen. Dave Syverson

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

230 ILCS 40/45  
230 ILCS 40/60  
230 ILCS 40/65

Amends the Video Gaming Act. Provides that imposing fees on an establishment authorized to conduct video gaming and on terminal operators is an exclusive power and function of the State. Prohibits a unit of local government with a population under 2,000,000 from applying any additional tax on net terminal income. Provides that a unit of local government (rather than a non-home rule unit of government) may not impose a fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$100 per year (rather than \$25). Provides that any unit of local government imposing a fee for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$100 on or before January 1, 2020 may retain its fee structure but may not increase fees beyond the limit provided in the provisions. Provides that a home rule unit may not regulate the provisions in a manner inconsistent with the provisions. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

HOME RULE NOTE  
ACT MAY APPLY

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 45, 60, and 65 as follows:

6 (230 ILCS 40/45)

7 Sec. 45. Issuance of license.

8 (a) The burden is upon each applicant to demonstrate his  
9 suitability for licensure. Each video gaming terminal  
10 manufacturer, distributor, supplier, operator, handler,  
11 licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment,  
12 licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal  
13 establishment, and licensed veterans establishment shall be  
14 licensed by the Board. The Board may issue or deny a license  
15 under this Act to any person pursuant to the same criteria set  
16 forth in Section 9 of the Illinois Gambling Act.

17 (a-5) The Board shall not grant a license to a person who  
18 has facilitated, enabled, or participated in the use of  
19 coin-operated devices for gambling purposes or who is under the  
20 significant influence or control of such a person. For the  
21 purposes of this Act, "facilitated, enabled, or participated in  
22 the use of coin-operated amusement devices for gambling  
23 purposes" means that the person has been convicted of any

1 violation of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 1961 or the  
2 Criminal Code of 2012. If there is pending legal action against  
3 a person for any such violation, then the Board shall delay the  
4 licensure of that person until the legal action is resolved.

5 (b) Each person seeking and possessing a license as a video  
6 gaming terminal manufacturer, distributor, supplier, operator,  
7 handler, licensed establishment, licensed truck stop  
8 establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment,  
9 licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans  
10 establishment shall submit to a background investigation  
11 conducted by the Board with the assistance of the State Police  
12 or other law enforcement. To the extent that the corporate  
13 structure of the applicant allows, the background  
14 investigation shall include any or all of the following as the  
15 Board deems appropriate or as provided by rule for each  
16 category of licensure: (i) each beneficiary of a trust, (ii)  
17 each partner of a partnership, (iii) each member of a limited  
18 liability company, (iv) each director and officer of a publicly  
19 or non-publicly held corporation, (v) each stockholder of a  
20 non-publicly held corporation, (vi) each stockholder of 5% or  
21 more of a publicly held corporation, or (vii) each stockholder  
22 of 5% or more in a parent or subsidiary corporation.

23 (c) Each person seeking and possessing a license as a video  
24 gaming terminal manufacturer, distributor, supplier, operator,  
25 handler, licensed establishment, licensed truck stop  
26 establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment,

1 licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed veterans  
2 establishment shall disclose the identity of every person,  
3 association, trust, corporation, or limited liability company  
4 having a greater than 1% direct or indirect pecuniary interest  
5 in the video gaming terminal operation for which the license is  
6 sought. If the disclosed entity is a trust, the application  
7 shall disclose the names and addresses of the beneficiaries; if  
8 a corporation, the names and addresses of all stockholders and  
9 directors; if a limited liability company, the names and  
10 addresses of all members; or if a partnership, the names and  
11 addresses of all partners, both general and limited.

12 (d) No person may be licensed as a video gaming terminal  
13 manufacturer, distributor, supplier, operator, handler,  
14 licensed establishment, licensed truck stop establishment,  
15 licensed large truck stop establishment, licensed fraternal  
16 establishment, or licensed veterans establishment if that  
17 person has been found by the Board to:

18 (1) have a background, including a criminal record,  
19 reputation, habits, social or business associations, or  
20 prior activities that pose a threat to the public interests  
21 of the State or to the security and integrity of video  
22 gaming;

23 (2) create or enhance the dangers of unsuitable,  
24 unfair, or illegal practices, methods, and activities in  
25 the conduct of video gaming; or

26 (3) present questionable business practices and

1 financial arrangements incidental to the conduct of video  
2 gaming activities.

3 (e) Any applicant for any license under this Act has the  
4 burden of proving his or her qualifications to the satisfaction  
5 of the Board. The Board may adopt rules to establish additional  
6 qualifications and requirements to preserve the integrity and  
7 security of video gaming in this State.

8 (f) A non-refundable application fee shall be paid at the  
9 time an application for a license is filed with the Board in  
10 the following amounts:

- 11 (1) Manufacturer ..... \$5,000
- 12 (2) Distributor..... \$5,000
- 13 (3) Terminal operator..... \$5,000
- 14 (4) Supplier ..... \$2,500
- 15 (5) Technician ..... \$100
- 16 (6) Terminal Handler ..... \$100
- 17 (7) Licensed establishment, licensed truck stop  
18 establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment,  
19 licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed  
20 veterans establishment ..... \$100

21 (g) The Board shall establish an annual fee for each  
22 license not to exceed the following:

- 23 (1) Manufacturer ..... \$10,000
- 24 (2) Distributor..... \$10,000
- 25 (3) Terminal operator..... \$5,000
- 26 (4) Supplier ..... \$2,000

1 (5) Technician ..... \$100

2 (6) Licensed establishment, licensed truck stop  
3 establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment,  
4 licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed  
5 veterans establishment ..... \$100

6 (7) Video gaming terminal..... \$100

7 (8) Terminal Handler ..... \$100

8 (h) A terminal operator and a licensed establishment,  
9 licensed truck stop establishment, licensed large truck stop  
10 establishment, licensed fraternal establishment, or licensed  
11 veterans establishment shall equally split the fees specified  
12 in item (7) of subsection (g).

13 (i) Imposing fees for licensed establishments, licensed  
14 truck stop establishments, licensed large truck stop  
15 establishments, licensed fraternal establishments, licensed  
16 veterans establishments, and terminal operators is an  
17 exclusive power and function of the State. A home rule unit may  
18 not impose fees for licensed establishments, licensed truck  
19 stop establishments, licensed large truck stop establishments,  
20 licensed fraternal establishments, licensed veterans  
21 establishments, and terminal operators. This subsection (i) is  
22 a denial and limitation of home rule powers and functions under  
23 subsection (h) of Section 6 of Article VII of the Illinois  
24 Constitution.

25 (Source: P.A. 100-1152, eff. 12-14-18; 101-31, eff. 6-28-19.)

1 (230 ILCS 40/60)

2 Sec. 60. Imposition and distribution of tax.

3 (a) A tax of 30% is imposed on net terminal income and  
4 shall be collected by the Board.

5 Of the tax collected under this subsection (a), five-sixths  
6 shall be deposited into the Capital Projects Fund and one-sixth  
7 shall be deposited into the Local Government Video Gaming  
8 Distributive Fund.

9 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2019, an additional tax of 3% is  
10 imposed on net terminal income and shall be collected by the  
11 Board.

12 Beginning on July 1, 2020, an additional tax of 1% is  
13 imposed on net terminal income and shall be collected by the  
14 Board.

15 The tax collected under this subsection (b) shall be  
16 deposited into the Capital Projects Fund.

17 (c) Revenues generated from the play of video gaming  
18 terminals shall be deposited by the terminal operator, who is  
19 responsible for tax payments, in a specially created, separate  
20 bank account maintained by the video gaming terminal operator  
21 to allow for electronic fund transfers of moneys for tax  
22 payment.

23 (d) Each licensed establishment, licensed truck stop  
24 establishment, licensed large truck stop establishment,  
25 licensed fraternal establishment, and licensed veterans  
26 establishment shall maintain an adequate video gaming fund,

1 with the amount to be determined by the Board.

2 (e) The State's percentage of net terminal income shall be  
3 reported and remitted to the Board within 15 days after the  
4 15th day of each month and within 15 days after the end of each  
5 month by the video terminal operator. A video terminal operator  
6 who falsely reports or fails to report the amount due required  
7 by this Section is guilty of a Class 4 felony and is subject to  
8 termination of his or her license by the Board. Each video  
9 terminal operator shall keep a record of net terminal income in  
10 such form as the Board may require. All payments not remitted  
11 when due shall be paid together with a penalty assessment on  
12 the unpaid balance at a rate of 1.5% per month.

13 (f) A unit of local government with a population under  
14 2,000,000 people is prohibited from applying any additional tax  
15 on net terminal income.

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

17 (230 ILCS 40/65)

18 Sec. 65. Fees. Except as provided in this Section, a  
19 ~~non-home rule~~ unit of local government may not impose any fee  
20 for the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$100  
21 ~~\$25~~ per year. The City of Rockford may not impose any fee for  
22 the operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$250 per  
23 year.

24 Any unit of local government imposing a fee for the  
25 operation of a video gaming terminal in excess of \$100 on or

1 before January 1, 2020 may retain its fee structure but may not  
2 increase fees beyond the limit provided in this Section.

3 A home rule unit may not regulate the provisions of this  
4 Section in a manner inconsistent with this Section. This  
5 Section is a limitation under subsection (i) of Section 6 of  
6 Article VII of the Illinois Constitution on the concurrent  
7 exercise by home rule units of powers and functions exercised  
8 by the State.

9 (Source: P.A. 101-337, eff. 1-1-20.)

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
11 becoming law.