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- 2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 1515 by replacing
- 3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:
- 4 "Section 5. The Riverboat Gambling Act is amended by
- 5 changing Section 7 as follows:
- 6 (230 ILCS 10/7) (from Ch. 120, par. 2407)
- 7 Sec. 7. Owners Licenses.
- 8 (a) The Board shall issue owners licenses to persons,
- 9 firms or corporations that which apply for such licenses upon
- 10 payment to the Board of the non-refundable license fee set by
- 11 the Board, upon payment of a \$25,000 license fee for the
- 12 first year of operation and a \$5,000 license fee for each
- 13 succeeding year and upon a determination by the Board that
- 14 the applicant is eligible for an owners license pursuant to
- 15 this Act and the rules of the Board.
- 16 A person, firm or corporation is ineligible to receive an
- 17 owners license if:
- 18 (1) the person has been convicted of a felony under
- 19 the laws of this State, any other state, or the United
- 20 States;
- 21 (2) the person has been convicted of any violation
- of Article 28 of the Criminal Code of 1961, or

applicant to recruit, train and upgrade minorities in all

employment classifications;

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- 1 (5) the financial ability of the applicant to 2 purchase and maintain adequate liability and casualty
- 3 insurance;
- 4 (6) whether the applicant has adequate 5 capitalization to provide and maintain, for the duration 6 of a license, a riverboat; and
- 7 (7) the extent to which the applicant exceeds or 8 meets other standards for the issuance of an owners 9 license which the Board may adopt by rule.
- 10 (c) Each owners license shall specify the place where 11 riverboats shall operate and dock.
- 12 (d) Each applicant shall submit with his application, on 13 forms provided by the Board, 2 sets of his fingerprints.
- The Board may issue up to 10 licenses authorizing 14 the holders of such licenses to own riverboats. 15 16 application for an owners license, the applicant shall state the dock at which the riverboat is based and the water on 17 which the riverboat will be located. The Board shall issue 5 18 19 licenses to become effective not earlier than January 1, 1991. Three of such licenses shall authorize riverboat 20 gambling on the Mississippi River, one of which shall 21 authorize riverboat gambling from a home dock in the city of 22 23 East St. Louis, and one of which shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Mississippi River or in a municipality that 24 25 (1) borders on the Mississippi River or is within 5 miles of the city limits of a municipality that borders on the 26 Mississippi River and (2) on the effective date of this 27 amendatory Act of the 92nd General Assembly has a riverboat 28 conducting riverboat gambling operations pursuant to 29 30 license issued under this Act. One other license shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Illinois River south of 31 32 Marshall County. The Board shall issue one additional license to become effective not earlier than March 1, 1992, 33 34 which shall authorize riverboat gambling on the Des Plaines

- 1 River in Will County. The Board may issue 4 additional
- licenses to become effective not earlier than March 1, 1992.
- 3 In determining the water upon which riverboats will operate,
- 4 the Board shall consider the economic benefit which riverboat
- 5 gambling confers on the State, and shall seek to assure that
- 6 all regions of the State share in the economic benefits of
- 7 riverboat gambling.
- 8 In granting all licenses, the Board may give favorable
- 9 consideration to economically depressed areas of the State,
- 10 to applicants presenting plans which provide for significant
- 11 economic development over a large geographic area, and to
- 12 applicants who currently operate non-gambling riverboats in
- 13 Illinois. The Board shall review all applications for owners
- 14 licenses, and shall inform each applicant of the Board's
- 15 decision.
- 16 The Board may revoke the owners license of a licensee
- 17 which fails to begin conducting gambling within 15 months of
- 18 receipt of the Board's approval of the application if the
- 19 Board determines that license revocation is in the best
- 20 interests of the State.
- 21 (f) The first 10 owners licenses issued under this Act
- 22 shall permit the holder to own up to 2 riverboats and
- 23 equipment thereon for a period of 3 years after the effective
- 24 date of the license. Holders of the first 10 owners licenses
- 25 must pay the annual license fee for each of the 3 years
- 26 during which they are authorized to own riverboats.
- 27 (g) Upon the termination, expiration, or revocation of
- 28 each of the first 10 licenses, which shall be issued for a 3
- year period, all licenses are renewable annually upon payment
- of the fee and a determination by the Board that the licensee
- 31 continues to meet all of the requirements of this Act and the
- 32 Board's rules. However, for licenses renewed on or after May
- 1, 1998, renewal shall be for a period of 4 years, unless the
- 34 Board sets a shorter period.

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- 1 An owners license shall entitle the licensee to own 2 up to 2 riverboats. A licensee shall limit the number of gambling participants to 1,200 for any such owners license. A 3 4 licensee may operate both of its riverboats concurrently, provided that the total number of gambling participants on 5 both riverboats does not exceed 1,200. Riverboats licensed to 6 7 operate on the Mississippi River and the Illinois River south 8 of Marshall County shall have an authorized capacity of at least 500 persons. Any other riverboat licensed under this 9
- 11 persons. (i) A licensed owner is authorized to apply to the Board 12 for and, if approved therefor, to receive all licenses 13 the Board necessary for the operation of a riverboat, 14

Act shall have an authorized capacity of at least 400

- including a liquor license, a license to prepare and serve 16 food for human consumption, and other necessary licenses.
- All use, occupation and excise taxes which apply to the sale 17 of food and beverages in this State and all taxes imposed on 18 the sale or use of tangible personal property apply to such
- sales aboard the riverboat. 20
- 2.1 (j) The Board may issue a license authorizing riverboat to dock in a municipality or approve a relocation 22 23 under Section 11.2 only if, prior to the issuance of license or approval, the governing body of the municipality 24 25 in which the riverboat will dock has by a majority vote approved the docking of riverboats in the municipality. The 26 Board may issue a license authorizing a riverboat to dock in 27 areas of a county outside any municipality or approve a 28 29 relocation under Section 11.2 only if, prior to the issuance 30 of the license or approval, the governing body of the county has by a majority vote approved of the docking of riverboats 31 within such areas. 32
- (Source: P.A. 91-40, eff. 6-25-99; 92-600, eff. 6-28-02.)". 33