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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

AN ACT

1	Amending Titles 4 (Amusements) and 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of
2	the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in revenues,
3	providing for audits of Pennsylvania Race Horse Development
4	Trust Fund; in administration and enforcement, further
5	providing for investigations and enforcement; in general
6	provisions, further providing for definitions; in
7	administration, further providing for records and
8	confidentiality of information; in application and licensure,
9	further providing for establishment licenses, for license or
10	permit prohibition, for issuance and renewal and for
11	conditional licenses; in operation, further providing for
12	testing and certification of terminals and for video gaming
13	limitations, providing for hours of operation and further
14	providing for terminal placement agreements and for
15	compulsive and problem gambling; in enforcement, further
16	providing for investigations and enforcement; in revenues,
17	further providing for distribution of local share, for
18	regulatory assessments and for transfers from Video Gaming
19	Fund; in ethics, further providing for political influence;
20	in riot, disorderly conduct and related offenses, further
21	providing for the offense of gambling devices, gambling,
22	etc.; providing for implementation; and making a repeal.
23	The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
24	hereby enacts as follows:
25	Section 1. Title 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
26	is amended by adding a section to read:
27	§ 1406.1. Audits of Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Trust
28	Fund.
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- 1 (a) Financial audit. -- By December 31, 2023, and each
- 2 <u>December 31 thereafter</u>, the Office of the Budget shall conduct a
- 3 financial audit of the money distributed under section 1406
- 4 (relating to distributions from Pennsylvania Race Horse
- 5 <u>Development Trust Fund</u>) for the prior fiscal year. The scope of
- 6 the audit shall be limited to expenditures of money under
- 7 <u>section 1406(a)</u>. The audit may include recommendations for
- 8 <u>changes relating to the maintenance, use or administration of</u>
- 9 the money.
- 10 (b) Public record. -- The audit and audited financial
- 11 <u>statement required under this section shall be open to</u>
- 12 <u>inspection by the public.</u>
- 13 <u>(c) Financial statement.--</u>
- 14 (1) A horsemen's organization shall, within 90 days
- after the end of the organization's fiscal year, prepare an
- 16 <u>annual financial statement in accordance with generally</u>
- 17 accepted accounting principles for the horsemen's
- 18 organization and each of the horsemen's organization's
- 19 affiliates.
- 20 (2) The financial statement required under paragraph (1)
- 21 <u>shall be prepared beginning in the horsemen's organization's</u>
- fiscal year ending prior to June 30, 2023, and for each
- fiscal year thereafter.
- 24 (3) The financial statement required under paragraph (1)
- 25 shall include additional information as necessary to
- 26 reconcile the information in the financial statement to the
- 27 <u>amounts received by the horsemen's organization during the</u>
- same fiscal year and as otherwise directed by the Office of
- the Budget.
- 30 (d) Accountants or actuaries. -- The Office of the Budget

- 1 <u>shall engage independent certified public accountants or</u>
- 2 <u>actuaries to conduct the audits under subsection (a) and to</u>
- 3 audit the annual financial statements and accompanying
- 4 <u>additional information filed under subsection (c)(3) for each</u>
- 5 fiscal year. The Office of the Budget shall provide copies of
- 6 <u>each audit to the persons listed under subsection (e)(2),(3),</u>
- 7 (4) and (5).
- 8 (d.1) Additional information. --Within 90 days of a written
- 9 request by the Office of the Budget for additional information,
- 10 the horsemen's organization shall provide the additional
- 11 information.
- 12 (e) Statements and reports. -- Within 10 days of completion of
- 13 an audit under subsection (a), the horsemen's organization shall
- 14 provide the financial statement and report required under
- 15 <u>subsection</u> (c) to each of the following within 90 days of the
- 16 end of the organization's fiscal year:
- 17 (1) The Department of Agriculture.
- 18 (2) The chair and minority chair of the Community,
- 19 <u>Economic and Recreational Development Committee of the Senate</u>
- and the chair and minority chair of the Gaming Oversight
- 21 <u>Committee of the House of Representatives.</u>
- 22 (3) The chair and minority chair of the Agriculture and
- 23 <u>Rural Affairs Committee of the Senate and the chair and</u>
- 24 minority chair of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee
- of the House of Representatives.
- 26 (4) The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.
- 27 (5) The State Horse Racing Commission and the State
- 28 Harness Racing Commission.
- 29 <u>(f) Distributions suspended for noncompliance.--</u>
- 30 Distributions under section 1406 shall be suspended for a

- 1 <u>horsemen's organization that the office certifies is out of</u>
- 2 compliance with the requirements of this section.
- 3 (g) Cooperation. -- A horsemen's organization shall cooperate
- 4 <u>fully with an audit under this section</u>.
- 5 Section 2. Section 1517(c)(13) of Title 4 is amended and the
- 6 subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
- 7 § 1517. Investigations and enforcement.
- 8 * * *
- 9 (c) Powers and duties of the Pennsylvania State Police. -- The
- 10 Pennsylvania State Police shall have the following powers and
- 11 duties:
- 12 * * *
- [(13) A member of the Pennsylvania State Police assigned
- to duties of enforcement under this part shall not be counted
- toward the complement as defined in the act of December 13,
- 16 2001 (P.L.903, No.100), entitled "An act repealing in part a
- 17 limitation on the complement of the Pennsylvania State
- Police."
- 19 (13.1) The board shall not require the Pennsylvania
- 20 State Police to have an office located within a licensed
- 21 facility.
- 22 * * *
- 23 Section 3. The definitions of "coin-operated amusement
- 24 game, " "establishment license, " "establishment licensee, "
- 25 "gaming employee," "inducement," "licensee," "truck stop
- 26 establishment" and "video gaming terminal" in section 3102 of
- 27 Title 4 are amended and the section is amended by adding
- 28 definitions to read:
- 29 § 3102. Definitions.
- The following words and phrases when used in this part shall

- 1 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 2 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 3 * * *
- 4 <u>"Club liquor license."</u> Any of the following licenses issued
- 5 by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board under Article IV of the
- 6 act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code:
- 7 (1) Catering club.
- 8 <u>(2) Club liquor.</u>
- 9 <u>(3) Club retail dispenser.</u>
- "Coin-operated amusement game." A [machine that requires the
- 11 insertion of a coin, currency or token to play or activate a
- 12 game the outcome of which is predominantly and primarily
- determined by the skill of the player.] mechanical, electrical
- 14 or computerized contrivance, terminal, machine or other device
- 15 that requires the insertion of a coin, currency, token or
- 16 <u>similar object to play or activate a game and meets each of the</u>
- 17 following criteria:
- 18 (1) The outcome of the game is predominantly and
- 19 primarily determined by the skill of the player.
- 20 (2) Elements of chance do not affect or have a
- 21 de minimis effect on the outcome of the game.
- 22 (3) Winning the game entitles the player to a noncash
- 23 <u>merchandise prize or a gift card that may be redeemable for a</u>
- 24 noncash merchandise prize, food or drink or additional
- 25 credits to play the game.
- 26 * * *
- 27 <u>"Convenience store." A retail business that sells everyday</u>
- 28 <u>items, such as coffee, groceries, snack foods, confectionery,</u>
- 29 soft drinks, tobacco products, over-the-counter drugs,
- 30 toiletries, gasoline and magazines.

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2	"Department store." A retail establishment offering consumer
3	goods in different areas of the store, which may include food
4	<u>items.</u>
5	"Establishment." A restaurant liquor license, club liquor
6	license or truck stop establishment.
7	"Establishment license." A license issued by the board
8	authorizing [a truck stop] an establishment to permit a terminal
9	operator licensee to place and operate video gaming terminals on
10	the [truck stop] establishment's premises under this part and
11	the rules and regulations promulgated under this part.
12	"Establishment licensee." [A truck stop] An establishment
13	that holds an establishment license.
14	* * *
15	"Gaming employee."
16	(1) Any of the following:
17	(i) An employee of a terminal operator licensee[,
18	establishment licensee] or supplier licensee [that] who
19	is not a key employee and is involved in the conduct of
20	video gaming.
21	(ii) An employee of a supplier licensee whose duties
22	are directly involved with the repair or distribution of
23	video gaming terminals or associated equipment sold or
24	provided to a terminal operator licensee within this
25	Commonwealth as determined by the board.
26	(iii) An employee of an establishment licensee who
27	<u>is:</u>
28	(A) responsible for the management, supervision

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conduct of video gaming;

and training of establishment employees regarding the

1	(B) responsible for coordinating video gaming
2	operations with a terminal operator; and
3	(C) available to promptly address gaming-related
4	issues that arise at the premises of an establishment
5	<u>licensee.</u>
6	(2) The term does not include nongaming personnel as
7	determined by the board [or an employee of an establishment
8	licensee].
9	* * *
10	"Grocery store." A retail business that primarily sells a
11	variety of fresh and packaged foods, beverages and other items
12	to be consumed or used off of the store premises.
13	* * *
14	"Inducement."
15	(1) Any of the following:
16	(i) Consideration paid directly or indirectly, from
17	a manufacturer, supplier, terminal operator, procurement
18	agent, gaming employee, employee or another person on
19	behalf of an applicant or anyone licensed under this
20	part, to [a truck stop] an establishment, establishment
21	licensee, establishment licensee owner or an employee of
22	the establishment licensee, directly or indirectly as an
23	enticement to solicit or maintain the establishment
24	licensee or establishment licensee owner's business.
25	(ii) Cash, incentive, marketing and advertising
26	cost, gift, food, beverage, loan, prepayment of gross
27	terminal revenue and other contribution or payment that
28	offsets an establishment licensee's operational costs, or
29	as otherwise determined by the board.
30	(2) The term shall not include costs paid by a terminal

1	operator applicant or terminal operator licensee related to
2	[making video gaming terminals operate at the premises of an
3	establishment licensee, including wiring and rewiring,
4	software updates, ongoing video gaming terminal maintenance,
5	redemption terminals, network connections, site controllers
6	and costs associated with communicating with the central
7	control computer system.]:
8	(i) Structural changes necessary to segregate the
9	video gaming area or maintain the security of video
10	gaming terminals and redemption terminals as required by
11	the board that do not exceed \$2,500, except that any
12	changes in excess of \$2,500 may be shared equally between
13	the terminal operator applicant or terminal operator
14	licensee and the establishment applicant or establishment
15	<u>licensee.</u>
16	(ii) Surveillance technology to monitor only the
17	video gaming area.
18	(iii) Operation of video gaming terminals at a
19	licensed establishment, including wiring and rewiring,
20	software updates, ongoing video gaming terminal
21	maintenance, redemption terminals, network connections,
22	site controllers and costs associated with communicating
23	with the central control computer system.
24	(iv) Installation of a security and alarm system at
25	the premises of an establishment licensee that are
26	reasonably necessary to protect video gaming terminals
27	and redemption terminals outside normal business hours,
28	provided that the cost does not exceed \$1,000.
29	(v) A requirement established by the board regarding
30	a minimum standard for a video gaming area.

1	<u>(vi) A cosmetic renovation or improvement within a </u>
2	video gaming area that is reasonably necessary, as
3	determined by the board.
4	(vii) A fee established by the board to cover costs
5	associated with the mandatory employee training program
6	established under section 3706 (relating to compulsive
7	and problem gambling).
8	* * *
9	"Licensee." A person [listed] <u>licensed</u> under this part.
10	* * *
11	"Restaurant." A reputable place:
12	(1) operated by responsible persons of good reputation;
13	(2) habitually and principally used for the purpose of
14	<pre>providing food for the public;</pre>
15	(3) having an area within a building of not less than
16	400 square feet; and
17	(4) equipped with tables and chairs, including bar
18	seats, accommodating at least 30 individuals at one time.
19	"Restaurant liquor license." A license issued by the
20	Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board under Article IV of the Liquor
21	Code for a restaurant. The term does not include a restaurant
22	liquor license that has an interior connection to a grocery
23	store, convenience store, department store or similar business.
24	* * *
25	"Skill." The knowledge, dexterity, adroitness, acumen or
26	other mental skill of an individual.
27	"Skill video gaming terminal." A video gaming terminal in
28	which a combination of the skill of the player and elements of
29	chance affect the outcome of the game, regardless of whether or
30	not a random number generator is utilized. The term shall not

- 1 include a coin-operated amusement game.
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- 3 "Truck stop establishment." A premises that:
- 4 (1) Is equipped with diesel islands used for fueling
 5 [commercial motor vehicles.] motor carrier vehicles as
 6 defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 102 (relating to definitions).
 - (2) Has sold on average 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the previous 12 months or is projected to sell an average of 50,000 gallons of diesel or biodiesel fuel each month for the next 12 months.
- 11 (3) Has at least [20 parking spaces dedicated for

 12 commercial motor vehicles.] 4,000 gross square feet, not

 13 necessarily contiguous or marked with individual parking

 14 spaces, dedicated for parking motor carrier vehicles as

 15 defined in 75 Pa.C.S. § 102.
- 16 (4) Has a convenience store.
- 17 (5) Is situated on a parcel of land of not less than
 18 three acres that the truck stop establishment owns or leases.
- 19 (6) Is not located on any property owned by the 20 Pennsylvania Turnpike.
- 21 (7) Has sufficient laundry facilities for motor carrier
 22 vehicle drivers.
- 23 (8) Has individual shower, toilet and sink facilities
 24 for motor carrier vehicle drivers.
- 25 * * *
- "Video gaming terminal."
- 27 (1) A mechanical or electrical contrivance, terminal,
 28 machine or other device approved by the board that, upon
 29 insertion of cash or cash equivalents, is available to play
 30 or operate one or more gambling games, the play of which

- 1 utilizes a random number generator and:
- 2 (i) May award a winning player either a free game or
- 3 credit that shall only be redeemable for cash or cash
- 4 equivalents at a redemption terminal.
- 5 (ii) May utilize video displays.
- 6 (iii) May use an electronic credit system for
- 7 receiving wagers and making payouts that are only
- 8 redeemable at a redemption terminal.
- 9 (2) Associated equipment necessary to conduct the
- 10 operation of the contrivance, terminal, machine or other
- 11 device.
- 12 (3) The term does not include a slot machine operated at
- a licensed facility in accordance with Part II (relating to
- 14 gaming) or a coin-operated amusement game.
- 15 (4) The term does not include "lottery" as defined under
- 16 the act of August 26, 1971 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the
- 17 State Lottery Law.
- 18 (5) The term includes a skill video gaming terminal.
- 19 Section 4. Section 3305(d) of Title 4 is amended to read:
- 20 § 3305. Records and confidentiality of information.
- 21 * * *
- 22 (d) Information held by other agencies. -- Files, records,
- 23 reports and other information in the possession of the
- 24 department or the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board pertaining
- 25 to an applicant, licensee or permittee shall be made available
- 26 to the board as may be necessary to the effective administration
- 27 of this part.
- Section 5. Section 3514(a) introductory paragraph of Title 4
- 29 is amended and the subsection is amended by adding a paragraph
- 30 to read:

- 1 § 3514. Establishment licenses.
- 2 (a) General requirements. -- [A truck stop] An establishment
- 3 that submits an application for an establishment license shall
- 4 include at a minimum:
- 5 * * *
- 6 (4.1) If the applicant is in possession of a restaurant
- 7 <u>liquor license or club liquor license:</u>
- 8 <u>(i) documentation showing that the restaurant liquor</u>
- 9 <u>license or club liquor license of the establishment is</u>
- 10 valid and in good standing with the Pennsylvania Liquor
- 11 Control Board; and
- 12 <u>(ii) disclosure of conditional license agreements</u>
- entered into under the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90,
- No.21), known as the Liquor Code.
- 15 * * *
- Section 6. Section 3515(2) of Title 4 is amended by adding
- 17 subparagraphs to read:
- 18 § 3515. License or permit prohibition.
- 19 The following apply:
- 20 * * *
- 21 (2) In addition to the prohibition under paragraph (1),
- 22 the board shall be prohibited from granting the following:
- 23 * * *
- 24 (iv) An establishment license to an applicant that
- is an establishment whose restaurant liquor license or
- 26 club liquor license is not in good standing with the
- 27 <u>Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board.</u>
- 28 (v) An establishment license to an applicant that is
- an establishment which has been declared a nuisance under
- 30 section 611 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21),

- 1 known as the Liquor Code, or has been declared a nuisance
- 2 within the past three years.
- 3 <u>(vi) An establishment license to an applicant that</u>
- 4 <u>is an establishment with a conditional license agreement</u>
- 5 <u>entered into under the Liquor Code unless the agreement</u>
- 6 <u>has been amended to allow for video gaming.</u>
- 7 (vii) An establishment license to an applicant that
- 8 <u>is an establishment whose restaurant liquor license or</u>
- 9 <u>club liquor license has been suspended, unless three</u>
- 10 years have elapsed from the date of suspension.
- 11 * * *
- 12 Section 7. Section 3516(a)(1) of Title 4 is amended to read:
- 13 § 3516. Issuance and renewal.
- 14 (a) Issuance.--
- 15 (1) In addition to any other criteria provided under
- this part, any terminal operator, [truck stop] establishment,
- 17 supplier, manufacturer, gaming employee, key employee,
- principal or other person that the board approves as
- 19 qualified to receive a license, permit or other authorization
- 20 under this part shall be issued a license or permit upon the
- 21 payment of a fee required in section 4101 (relating to fees)
- 22 and upon the fulfillment of conditions required by the board
- or provided for in this part.
- 24 * * *
- 25 Section 8. Section 3520(a) of Title 4 is amended by adding a
- 26 paragraph to read:
- 27 § 3520. Conditional licenses.
- 28 (a) Conditional establishment licenses.--
- 29 * * *
- 30 (2.1) The board shall issue a conditional license to an

- 1 <u>applicant for an establishment license if the applicant is a</u>
- 2 <u>restaurant liquor licensee or club liquor licensee and</u>
- 3 <u>satisfies the criteria under paragraph (2) and the following</u>
- 4 <u>criteria</u>, as determined by the board:
- 5 <u>(i) The applicant held a valid restaurant liquor</u>
 6 <u>license or club liquor license on the date of application</u>
- 7 <u>and the license is in good standing.</u>
- 8 <u>(ii) The restaurant liquor licensee or club liquor</u>
- 9 <u>licensee has not been declared a nuisance under section</u>
- 10 611 of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known
- as the Liquor Code, or three years have elapsed from the
- 12 <u>date of the declaration.</u>
- 13 <u>(iii) The applicant has a conditional license</u>
- 14 agreement entered into under the Liquor Code.
- 15 (iv) The applicant's restaurant liquor license or
- 16 <u>club liquor license has not been suspended or five years</u>
- 17 have elapsed from the date of suspension.
- 18 * * *
- 19 Section 9. Section 3701(b)(9) of Title 4 is amended and the
- 20 subsection is amended by adding a paragraph to read:
- 21 § 3701. Testing and certification of terminals.
- 22 * * *
- 23 (b) Video gaming terminal specifications. -- Video gaming
- 24 terminals shall be tested and certified to meet the following
- 25 specifications:
- 26 * * *
- 27 (9) [The] Except as provided in paragraph (9.1), the
- video gaming terminal shall pay out a minimum of 85% of the
- amount wagered.
- 30 (9.1) The board shall adopt alternative minimum

- 1 requirements for payout for skill video gaming terminals that
- define a minimum win percentage based on the combination of
- 3 skill and the elements of chance of the game.
- 4 * * *
- 5 Section 10. Section 3702(a)(1) and (b)(1) and (6) of Title 4
- 6 are amended, subsection (a) is amended by adding a paragraph and
- 7 the section is amended by adding a subsection to read:
- 8 § 3702. Video gaming limitations.
- 9 (a) Establishment licensee limitations.--An establishment
- 10 licensee may offer video gaming terminals for play within its
- 11 premises, subject to the following:
- 12 (1) No more than five video gaming terminals may be
- placed on the premises of [the] <u>an</u> establishment licensee.
- 14 * * *
- 15 (13) An establishment licensee must employ at least one
- gaming employee. An establishment licensee is not required to
- have a gaming employee on premises during the conduct of
- 18 <u>video gaming at the establishment.</u>
- 19 (b) Terminal operator licensee limitations.--A terminal
- 20 operator licensee may place and operate video gaming terminals
- 21 on the premises of an establishment licensee, subject to the
- 22 following:
- 23 (1) No more than five video gaming terminals may be
- placed on the premises of [the] an establishment licensee.
- 25 * * *
- 26 (6) No terminal operator licensee may give or offer to
- give, directly or indirectly, any type of inducement to [a
- truck stop] <u>an</u> establishment to secure or maintain a terminal
- 29 placement agreement.
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- 1 (c) Video gaming terminal limitations. -- There shall be no
- 2 more than 50,000 video gaming terminals in this Commonwealth.
- 3 Section 11. Title 4 is amended by adding a section to read:
- 4 § 3703.1. Hours of operation.
- 5 (a) Restaurant liquor license establishments and club liquor
- 6 license establishments.--An establishment licensee that is also
- 7 <u>a restaurant liquor license establishment or club liquor license</u>
- 8 <u>establishment may only permit the play of a video gaming</u>
- 9 terminal during the hours that the restaurant liquor license
- 10 establishment or club liquor license establishment is authorized
- 11 by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to sell alcoholic
- 12 <u>beverages</u>.
- 13 (b) Truck stop establishments.--An establishment licensee
- 14 that is also a truck stop establishment may permit play of a
- 15 video gaming terminal during normal business hours.
- 16 Section 12. Section 3704 of Title 4 is amended by adding a
- 17 subsection to read:
- 18 § 3704. Terminal placement agreements.
- 19 * * *
- 20 (f.1) Additional void agreements. -- An agreement entered into
- 21 by a restaurant liquor license establishment or club liquor
- 22 license establishment prior to the effective date of this
- 23 subsection with a person for the placement, operation, service
- 24 or maintenance of a video gaming terminal or skill video gaming
- 25 terminal, including an agreement granting a person the right to
- 26 enter into an agreement or match an offer made after the
- 27 <u>effective date of this subsection, shall be void and may not be</u>
- 28 approved by the board.
- 29 * * *
- 30 Section 13. Section 3706(d)(3) and (e) of Title 4 are

- 1 amended to read:
- 2 § 3706. Compulsive and problem gambling.
- 3 * * *
- 4 (d) Mandatory training.--
- 5 * * *
- 6 (3) At least one gaming employee of the establishment
- 7 licensee [who holds a valid occupation permit and has
- 8 successfully completed the training program shall be located
- on the premises and supervising the video gaming area during
- all times video gaming terminals are available for play.]
- shall successfully complete the training program.
- 12 (e) Penalty. -- An establishment licensee that fails to
- 13 fulfill the requirements of subsection (a), (b), (c) or (d)
- 14 shall be assessed by the board an administrative penalty and may
- 15 have its establishment license suspended. When determining the
- 16 penalty and number of suspension days, the board shall consider
- 17 the length of time in which the materials were not available or
- 18 [a trained employee was not located on the premises] at least
- 19 one gaming employee was not trained as required by subsection
- 20 (d) (3).
- 21 Section 14. Section 3904(d) of Title 4 is amended by adding
- 22 a paragraph and the section is amended by adding a subsection to
- 23 read:
- 24 § 3904. Investigations and enforcement.
- 25 * * *
- 26 (d) Powers and duties of the Pennsylvania State Police. -- The
- 27 Pennsylvania State Police shall have the following powers and
- 28 duties:
- 29 * * *
- 30 (14) Require the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement to

- 1 report to the bureau violations of this part that are found
- 2 during the normal course of duties required under the laws of
- 3 this Commonwealth.
- 4 * * *
- 5 (j) Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. -- Nothing in this part
- 6 shall be construed as conferring on the Pennsylvania Liquor
- 7 Control Board the authority to assess penalties under the act of
- 8 April 12, 1951 (P.L.90, No.21), known as the Liquor Code,
- 9 against a club establishment that holds an establishment license
- 10 for violations of this part that are not a criminal offense.
- 11 Section 15. Sections 4103, 4104(b) and (d) and 4105(b) of
- 12 Title 4 are amended to read:
- 13 § 4103. Distribution of local share.
- [(a) Distribution.--
- 15 (1) (Reserved).
- 16 (2) The department shall on a quarterly basis deposit
- 17 the local share assessment imposed under section 4102(b)(1)
- 18 (ii) (relating to taxes and assessments) into a restricted
- receipts account to be established in the Commonwealth
- Financing Authority to be used exclusively for grants for
- 21 projects in the public interest within the Commonwealth.]
- 22 (a.1) Distribution. -- The department shall distribute, in a
- 23 manner and according to a schedule adopted by the department, to
- 24 each county 10% of the gross terminal revenue of each video
- 25 gaming terminal operating within the county into a restricted
- 26 receipts account on a quarterly basis to be distributed to the
- 27 county for grants for projects in the public interest within the
- 28 county.
- 29 (b) Duty of terminal operator. -- A terminal operator licensee
- 30 shall continuously provide the department with records,

- 1 documents or other information necessary to effectuate the
- 2 requirements of subsection [(a).] (a.1).
- 3 (c) Reporting.--
- 4 (1) In cooperation with the department and the
- 5 Commonwealth Financing Authority, the Department of Community
- 6 and Economic Development shall submit an annual report by
- 7 August 31, 2025, and by August 31 of each year thereafter, on
- 8 all distributions of local share assessments to counties
- 9 <u>under this section to the chairperson and minority</u>
- 10 chairperson of:
- 11 (i) The Appropriations Committee of the Senate.
- 12 <u>(ii) The Appropriations Committee of the House of</u>
- 13 <u>Representatives.</u>
- 14 (iii) The Community, Economic and Recreational
- 15 <u>Development Committee of the Senate.</u>
- 16 <u>(iv) The Gaming Oversight Committee of the House of</u>
- 17 Representatives.
- 18 (2) A county that receives a distribution of local share
- 19 assessments under this section shall submit information to
- the Department of Community and Economic Development on a
- form prepared by the Department of Community and Economic
- 22 Development that states the amount and use of the money
- 23 <u>received under this section in the prior fiscal year.</u>
- 24 § 4104. Regulatory assessments.
- 25 * * *
- 26 (b) Bi-monthly deposits.--
- 27 (1) The department shall determine the appropriate
- assessment amount for each terminal operator licensee, which
- shall be a percentage assessed on the terminal operator
- 30 licensee's bi-monthly gross terminal revenue, except that the

- 1 percentage assessed may not exceed 2%.
- 2 (2) The percentage assessed shall not exceed an amount
- 3 equal to the costs or expenses incurred by the board, the
- 4 department, the Pennsylvania State Police or the Office of
- 5 Attorney General in carrying out their powers and duties
- 6 under this part based upon a budget submitted by the
- 7 department under subsection (c).
- 8 * * *
- 9 (d) Appropriation.--
- 10 (1) Costs and expenses may be paid from the accounts
- 11 established under subsection (a) only upon appropriation by
- 12 the General Assembly.
- 13 (2) If the total costs or expenses incurred by the
- board, the department, the Pennsylvania State Police or the
- Office of Attorney General exceed the amounts available in
- the accounts established under subsection (a), the General
- 17 Assembly [may] shall appropriate additional amounts to the
- 18 board, the department, the Pennsylvania State Police or the
- 19 Office of Attorney General from the Video Gaming Fund.
- 20 § 4105. Transfers from Video Gaming Fund.
- 21 * * *
- 22 (b) General Fund transfer. -- On June 30, 2018, and on the
- 23 last day of each fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer
- 24 shall transfer the remaining balance in the Video Gaming Fund
- 25 [that is not transferred under subsection (a) to the General
- 26 Fund.] as follows:
- 27 (1) Fourteen percent to the Race Horse Development Trust
- Fund.
- 29 (2) Thirty-eight percent to the Property Tax Relief
- 30 Fund.

- 1 (3) Forty-eight percent to the General Fund.
- 2 Section 16. Section 4305 of Title 4 is amended by adding a
- 3 subsection to read:
- 4 § 4305. Political influence.
- 5 * * *
- 6 (e.1) Expiration.--
- 7 (1) Upon publication of the notice required under
- 8 paragraph (2), this section shall expire.
- 9 (2) Within 30 days of a final order of court, not
- 10 <u>subject to appeal, stating that section 1513 (relating to</u>
- 11 <u>political influence</u>) is unconstitutional, the Secretary of
- 12 <u>the Commonwealth shall transmit notice of the final order to</u>
- 13 the Legislative Reference Bureau for publication in the next
- available issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin.
- 15 * * *
- Section 17. Section 5513(f) of Title 18 is amended by adding
- 17 definitions to read:
- 18 § 5513. Gambling devices, gambling, etc.
- 19 * * *
- 20 (f) Definitions.--The following words and phrases when used
- 21 in this section shall have the meanings given to them in this
- 22 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 23 "Amusement game." A mechanical, electrical or computerized
- 24 contrivance, terminal, machine or other device that requires the
- 25 insertion of a coin, currency, token or similar object to play
- 26 or activate a game and meets all of the following criteria:
- 27 <u>(1) The outcome of the game is predominantly and</u>
- 28 primarily determined by the skill of the player.
- 29 (2) Elements of chance do not affect or have a
- de minimis effect on the outcome of the game.

- 1 (3) Winning the game entitles the player to a noncash
- 2 <u>merchandise prize or a gift card that may be redeemable for a</u>
- 3 noncash merchandise prize, food or drink or additional
- 4 <u>credits to play the game.</u>
- 5 * * *
- 6 <u>"Skill." The knowledge, dexterity, adroitness, acumen or</u>
- 7 <u>other mental ability of an individual.</u>
- 8 "Slot machine." The term shall include a mechanical,
- 9 <u>electrical or computerized contrivance, terminal, machine or</u>
- 10 other device approved by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board
- 11 which, upon insertion of a coin, bill, ticket, token or similar
- 12 <u>object therein or upon payment of any consideration whatsoever</u>,
- 13 <u>including the use of an electronic payment system, is available</u>
- 14 to play or operate, and in which a combination of the skill of
- 15 the player and elements of chance affect the outcome of the game
- 16 and the skill of the player, rather than the element of chance,
- 17 is the predominant factor in affecting the outcome of the game
- 18 and awards the player directly or indirectly a prize. The term
- 19 shall not include an amusement game.
- 20 Section 18. The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board shall, for
- 21 the purposes of the definition of "restaurant" in 4 Pa.C.S. §
- 22 3102, promulgate regulations to determine what constitutes
- 23 tables and chairs sufficient to accommodate 30 individuals at
- 24 one time.
- 25 Section 19. Repeals are as follows:
- 26 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
- 27 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of 4
- 28 Pa.C.S. § 1406.1.
- 29 (2) Section 1701-0 of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.343,
- No.176), known as The Fiscal Code, is repealed.

1 Section 20. This act shall take effect in 30 days.