

By: Senator(s) Hewes

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2536

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-76-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
 2 TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI GAMING COMMISSION TO COMPILE AND MAKE
 3 PUBLIC BY NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 2002, A DETAILED MAP THAT
 4 SHOWS THE WATERS WITHIN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI WHICH LIE
 5 ADJACENT TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI SOUTH OF THE THREE MOST
 6 SOUTHERN COUNTIES IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI ON WHICH GAMING,
 7 BETTING OR WAGERING IS ALLOWED ON CRUISE VESSELS; AND FOR RELATED
 8 PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 SECTION 1. Section 75-76-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 11 amended as follows:

12 75-76-33. (1) The commission shall, from time to time,
 13 adopt, amend or repeal such regulations, consistent with the
 14 policy, objects and purposes of this chapter, as it may deem
 15 necessary or desirable in the public interest in carrying out the
 16 policy and provisions of this chapter.

17 (2) These regulations shall, without limiting the general
 18 powers herein conferred, include the following:

19 (a) Prescribing the method and form of application
 20 which any applicant for a license or for a manufacturer's,
 21 seller's or distributor's license must follow and complete before
 22 consideration of his application by the executive director or the
 23 commission.

24 (b) Prescribing the information to be furnished by any
 25 applicant or licensee concerning his antecedents, habits,
 26 character, associates, criminal record, business activities and
 27 financial affairs, past or present.

28 (c) Prescribing the information to be furnished by a
 29 licensee relating to his employees.

30 (d) Requiring fingerprinting of an applicant or
31 licensee, and gaming employees of a licensee, or other methods of
32 identification and the forwarding of all fingerprints taken
33 pursuant to regulation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

34 (e) Prescribing the manner and procedure of all
35 hearings conducted by the commission or any hearing examiner of
36 the commission, including special rules of evidence applicable
37 thereto and notices thereof.

38 (f) Requiring any applicant to pay all or any part of
39 the fees and costs of investigation of such applicant as may be
40 determined by the commission, except that no applicant for an
41 initial license shall be required to pay any part of the fees or
42 costs of the investigation of the applicant with regard to the
43 initial license.

44 (g) Prescribing the manner and method of collection and
45 payment of fees and issuance of licenses.

46 (h) Prescribing under what conditions a licensee may be
47 deemed subject to revocation or suspension of his license.

48 (i) Requiring any applicant or licensee to waive any
49 privilege with respect to any testimony at any hearing or meeting
50 of the commission, except any privilege afforded by the
51 Constitution of the United States or this state.

52 (j) Defining and limiting the area, games and devices
53 permitted, and the method of operation of such games and devices,
54 for the purposes of this chapter.

55 (k) Prescribing under what conditions the nonpayment of
56 a gambling debt by a licensee shall be deemed grounds for
57 revocation or suspension of his license.

58 (l) Governing the use and approval of gambling devices
59 and equipment.

60 (m) Prescribing the qualifications of, and the
61 conditions under which, attorneys, accountants and others are
62 permitted to practice before the commission.

63 (n) Restricting access to confidential information
64 obtained under this chapter and ensuring that the confidentiality
65 of such information is maintained and protected.

66 (o) Prescribing the manner and procedure by which the
67 executive director on behalf of the commission shall notify a
68 county or a municipality wherein an applicant for a license
69 desires to locate.

70 (p) Prescribing the manner and procedure for an
71 objection to be filed with the commission and the executive
72 director by a county or municipality wherein an applicant for a
73 license desires to locate.

74 (3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, each
75 licensee shall be required to comply with the following
76 regulations:

77 (a) No wagering shall be allowed on the outcome of any
78 athletic event, nor on any matter to be determined during an
79 athletic event, nor on the outcome of any event which does not
80 take place on the premises.

81 (b) No wager may be placed by, or on behalf of, any
82 individual or entity or group, not present on a licensed vessel or
83 cruise vessel.

84 (4) The commission shall compile and make public by not
85 later than January 1, 2002, a detailed map that shows the waters
86 within the State of Mississippi which lie adjacent to the State of
87 Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in the
88 State of Mississippi on which gaming, betting or wagering is
89 allowed on cruise vessels.

90 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
91 and after its passage.