

By: Representative Bennett

To: Gaming

HOUSE BILL NO. 974

1 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE OPERATION OF "INTERNET SWEEPSTAKES
 2 CAFES" IS AN ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITY UNDER STATE LAW; TO MAKE IT
 3 UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO OPERATE AN ELECTRONIC VIDEO
 4 MONITOR THAT IS OFFERED TO A PERSON TO PLAY IN A SIMULATED
 5 GAMBLING PROGRAM IN RETURN FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT CONSIDERATION
 6 THAT MAY MAKE THE PLAYER ELIGIBLE TO WIN CERTAIN PRIZES; TO MAKE
 7 IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON OR ENTITY TO SELL CERTAIN "SCRATCH AND
 8 WIN" CARDS; TO SET FORTH A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ACT; TO
 9 PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE ACT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 97-33-1, 97-33-7,
 10 97-33-9 AND 75-76-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO
 11 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

13 **SECTION 1.** (1) The provisions of this section are intended
 14 to clarify that the operation of "Internet sweepstakes cafes" is
 15 an illegal gambling activity under state law.

16 (2) It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to engage
 17 in the following illegal gambling activities:

18 (a) Possess, own, control, display, operate or have a
 19 financial interest in an electronic video monitor:

20 (i) That is offered or made available to a person
 21 to play or participate in a simulated gambling program, in return
 22 for direct or indirect consideration, including consideration



23 associated with a product, service or activity other than the
24 simulated gambling program; and

25 (ii) The person who plays or participates in the
26 simulated gambling program may become eligible to win, redeem or
27 otherwise obtain a cash or cash-equivalent prize, whether or not
28 the eligibility for or value of the prize is determined by or has
29 any relationship to the outcome or play of the program.

30 (b) Sell cards, tokens, chips or similar items that
31 entitle a person to prepaid long distance or cellular telephone
32 service or telephone calling time, or other products or services
33 unrelated to a simulated gambling program, and that are attached
34 to, accompanied by or part of a scratch pad, bar code or similar
35 item that the person may use to win, redeem or otherwise obtain
36 anything of value greater than the amount paid for the card,
37 token, chip or other item.

38 (3) As used in this section, the following words and phrases
39 shall have the meanings ascribed in this subsection, unless the
40 context clearly indicates otherwise:

41 (a) "Simulated gambling program" means any method
42 intended to be used by a person playing, participating or
43 interacting with an electronic video monitor that is offered by
44 another person or entity; that directly or indirectly implements
45 the predetermination of a cash or cash-equivalent prize, or
46 otherwise connects the player with the cash or cash-equivalent



47 prize; and that is not legal under the Mississippi Gaming Control
48 Act.

49 (b) "Consideration associated with a product, service
50 or activity other than the simulated gambling program" means money
51 or other value collected for a product, service or activity that
52 is offered in any direct or indirect relationship to playing or
53 participating in the program. The term includes consideration
54 paid for Internet access or computer time, telephone service cards
55 or calling time, or a sweepstakes entry.

56 (c) "Electronic video monitor" means any unit,
57 mechanism, computer or other terminal, or device that is capable
58 of displaying moving or still images.

59 (4) Any person or entity violating the provisions of this
60 section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
61 fined not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned
62 for not less than one (1) year, or both.

63 (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

64 (a) Any lawful marketing promotion, contest, prize or
65 sweepstakes that is a limited-term event, with a specified opening
66 date and closing date, designed to attract consumer attention to a
67 specific product or service which is offered for sale by the
68 manufacturer, distributor, vendor or retailer of the product or
69 service; or

70 (b) Any promotional activity as defined in Section
71 75-76-5 that is conducted by a gaming licensee.



72 **SECTION 2.** Section 97-33-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
73 amended as follows:

74 97-33-1. Except as otherwise provided in Section 1 of this
75 act, if any person shall encourage, promote or play at any game,
76 play or amusement, other than a fight or fighting match between
77 dogs, for money or other valuable thing, or shall wager or bet,
78 promote or encourage the wagering or betting of any money or other
79 valuable things, upon any game, play, amusement, cockfight, Indian
80 ball play or duel, other than a fight or fighting match between
81 dogs, or upon the result of any election, event or contingency
82 whatever, upon conviction thereof, he shall be fined in a sum not
83 more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00); and, unless such fine
84 and costs be immediately paid, shall be imprisoned for any period
85 not more than ninety (90) days. However, this section shall not
86 apply to betting, gaming or wagering:

87 (a) On a cruise vessel as defined in Section 27-109-1
88 whenever such vessel is in the waters within the State of
89 Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south
90 of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
91 Mississippi, including the Mississippi Sound, St. Louis Bay,
92 Biloxi Bay and Pascagoula Bay, and in which the registered voters
93 of the county in which the port is located have not voted to
94 prohibit such betting, gaming or wagering on cruise vessels as
95 provided in Section 19-3-79;



96 (b) In a structure located in whole or in part on shore
97 in any of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
98 Mississippi in which the registered voters of the county have
99 voted to allow such betting, gaming or wagering on cruise vessels
100 as provided in Section 19-3-79, if:

101 (i) The structure is owned, leased or controlled
102 by a person possessing a gaming license, as defined in Section
103 75-76-5, to conduct legal gaming on a cruise vessel under
104 paragraph (a) of this section;

105 (ii) The part of the structure in which licensed
106 gaming activities are conducted is located entirely in an area
107 which is located no more than eight hundred (800) feet from the
108 mean high-water line (as defined in Section 29-15-1) of the waters
109 within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State
110 of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in
111 the State of Mississippi, including the Mississippi Sound, St.
112 Louis Bay, Biloxi Bay and Pascagoula Bay, or, with regard to
113 Harrison County only, no farther north than the southern boundary
114 of the right-of-way for U.S. Highway 90, whichever is greater; and

115 (iii) In the case of a structure that is located
116 in whole or part on shore, the part of the structure in which
117 licensed gaming activities are conducted shall lie adjacent to
118 state waters south of the three (3) most southern counties in the
119 State of Mississippi, including the Mississippi Sound, St. Louis
120 Bay, Biloxi Bay and Pascagoula Bay. When the site upon which the



121 structure is located consists of a parcel of real property,
122 easements and rights-of-way for public streets and highways shall
123 not be construed to interrupt the contiguous nature of the parcel,
124 nor shall the footage contained within the easements and
125 rights-of-way be counted in the calculation of the distances
126 specified in subparagraph (ii) * * *;

127 (c) On a vessel as defined in Section 27-109-1 whenever
128 such vessel is on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within
129 any county bordering on the Mississippi River, and in which the
130 registered voters of the county in which the port is located have
131 not voted to prohibit such betting, gaming or wagering on vessels
132 as provided in Section 19-3-79; or

133 (d) That is legal under the laws of the State of
134 Mississippi.

135 **SECTION 3.** Section 97-33-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
136 amended as follows:

137 97-33-7. (1) Except as otherwise provided in Section 1 of
138 this act, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firm,
139 copartnership or corporation to have in possession, own, control,
140 display, or operate any cane rack, knife rack, artful dodger,
141 punch board, roll down, merchandise wheel, slot machine, pinball
142 machine, or similar device or devices. Provided, however, that
143 this section shall not be so construed as to make unlawful the
144 ownership, possession, control, display or operation of any
145 antique coin machine as defined in Section 27-27-12, or any music



146 machine or bona fide automatic vending machine where the purchaser
147 receives exactly the same quantity of merchandise on each
148 operation of said machine. Any slot machine other than an antique
149 coin machine as defined in Section 27-27-12 which delivers, or is
150 so constructed as that by operation thereof it will deliver to the
151 operator thereof anything of value in varying quantities, in
152 addition to the merchandise received, and any slot machine other
153 than an antique coin machine as defined in Section 27-27-12 that
154 is constructed in such manner as that slugs, tokens, coins or
155 similar devices are, or may be, used and delivered to the operator
156 thereof in addition to merchandise of any sort contained in such
157 machine, is hereby declared to be a gambling device, and shall be
158 deemed unlawful under the provisions of this section. Provided,
159 however, that pinball machines which do not return to the operator
160 or player thereof anything but free additional games or plays
161 shall not be deemed to be gambling devices, and neither this
162 section nor any other law shall be construed to prohibit same.

163 (2) No property right shall exist in any person, natural or
164 artificial, or be vested in such person, in any or all of the
165 devices described herein that are not exempted from the provisions
166 of this section; and all such devices are hereby declared to be at
167 all times subject to confiscation and destruction, and their
168 possession shall be unlawful, except when in the possession of
169 officers carrying out the provisions of this section. It shall be



170 the duty of all law enforcing officers to seize and immediately
171 destroy all such machines and devices.

172 (3) A first violation of the provisions of this section
173 shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and the party offending shall, upon
174 conviction, be fined in any sum not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars
175 (\$500.00), or imprisoned not exceeding three (3) months, or both,
176 in the discretion of the court. In the event of a second
177 conviction for a violation of any of the provisions of this
178 section, the party offending shall be subject to a sentence of not
179 less than six (6) months in the county jail, nor more than two (2)
180 years in the State Penitentiary, in the discretion of the trial
181 court.

182 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
183 contrary, it shall not be unlawful to operate any equipment or
184 device described in subsection (1) of this section or any gaming,
185 gambling or similar device or devices by whatever name called
186 while:

187 (a) On a cruise vessel as defined in Section 27-109-1
188 whenever such vessel is in the waters within the State of
189 Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State of Mississippi south
190 of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
191 Mississippi, including the Mississippi Sound, St. Louis Bay,
192 Biloxi Bay and Pascagoula Bay, and in which the registered voters
193 of the county in which the port is located have not voted to



194 prohibit such betting, gaming or wagering on cruise vessels as
195 provided in Section 19-3-79;

196 (b) In a structure located in whole or in part on shore
197 in any of the three (3) most southern counties in the State of
198 Mississippi in which the registered voters of the county have
199 voted to allow such betting, gaming or wagering on cruise vessels
200 as provided in Section 19-3-79, if:

201 (i) The structure is owned, leased or controlled
202 by a person possessing a gaming license, as defined in Section
203 75-76-5, to conduct legal gaming on a cruise vessel under
204 paragraph (a) of this subsection;

205 (ii) The part of the structure in which licensed
206 gaming activities are conducted is located entirely in an area
207 which is located no more than eight hundred (800) feet from the
208 mean high-water line (as defined in Section 29-15-1) of the waters
209 within the State of Mississippi, which lie adjacent to the State
210 of Mississippi south of the three (3) most southern counties in
211 the State of Mississippi, including the Mississippi Sound, St.
212 Louis Bay, Biloxi Bay and Pascagoula Bay, or, with regard to
213 Harrison County only, no farther north than the southern boundary
214 of the right-of-way for U.S. Highway 90, whichever is greater; and

215 (iii) In the case of a structure that is located
216 in whole or part on shore, the part of the structure in which
217 licensed gaming activities are conducted shall lie adjacent to
218 state waters south of the three (3) most southern counties in the



219 State of Mississippi, including the Mississippi Sound, St. Louis
220 Bay, Biloxi Bay and Pascagoula Bay. When the site upon which the
221 structure is located consists of a parcel of real property,
222 easements and rights-of-way for public streets and highways shall
223 not be construed to interrupt the contiguous nature of the parcel,
224 nor shall the footage contained within the easements and
225 rights-of-way be counted in the calculation of the distances
226 specified in subparagraph (ii) * * *;

227 (c) On a vessel as defined in Section 27-109-1 whenever
228 such vessel is on the Mississippi River or navigable waters within
229 any county bordering on the Mississippi River, and in which the
230 registered voters of the county in which the port is located have
231 not voted to prohibit such betting, gaming or wagering on vessels
232 as provided in Section 19-3-79; or

233 (d) That is legal under the laws of the State of
234 Mississippi.

235 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
236 contrary, it shall not be unlawful (a) to own, possess, repair or
237 control any gambling device, machine or equipment in a licensed
238 gaming establishment or on the business premises appurtenant to
239 any such licensed gaming establishment during any period of time
240 in which such licensed gaming establishment is being constructed,
241 repaired, maintained or operated in this state; (b) to install any
242 gambling device, machine or equipment in any licensed gaming
243 establishment; (c) to possess or control any gambling device,



244 machine or equipment during the process of procuring or
245 transporting such device, machine or equipment for installation on
246 any such licensed gaming establishment; or (d) to store in a
247 warehouse or other storage facility any gambling device, machine,
248 equipment, or part thereof, regardless of whether the county or
249 municipality in which the warehouse or storage facility is located
250 has approved gaming aboard cruise vessels or vessels, provided
251 that such device, machine or equipment is operated only in a
252 county or municipality that has approved gaming aboard cruise
253 vessels or vessels. Any gambling device, machine or equipment
254 that is owned, possessed, controlled, installed, procured,
255 repaired, transported or stored in accordance with this subsection
256 shall not be subject to confiscation, seizure or destruction, and
257 any person, firm, partnership or corporation which owns,
258 possesses, controls, installs, procures, repairs, transports or
259 stores any gambling device, machine or equipment in accordance
260 with this subsection shall not be subject to any prosecution or
261 penalty under this section. Any person constructing or repairing
262 such cruise vessels or vessels within a municipality shall comply
263 with all municipal ordinances protecting the general health or
264 safety of the residents of the municipality.

265 **SECTION 4.** Section 97-33-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
266 amended as follows:

267 97-33-9. Except as otherwise provided in Section 1 of this
268 act, if any person shall be guilty of keeping or exhibiting any



269 game or gaming table commonly called A.B.C. or E.O. roulette or
270 rowley-powley, or rouge et noir, roredo, keno, monte, or any
271 faro-bank, or other game, gaming table, or bank of the same or
272 like kind or any other kind or description under any other name
273 whatever, or shall be in any manner either directly or indirectly
274 interested or concerned in any gaming tables, banks, or games,
275 either by furnishing money or articles for the purpose of carrying
276 on the same, being interested in the loss or gain of said table,
277 bank or games, or employed in any manner in conducting, carrying
278 on, or exhibiting said gaming tables, games, or banks, every
279 person so offending and being thereof convicted, shall be fined
280 not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) nor more than Two
281 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00), or be imprisoned in the county jail
282 not longer than two (2) months, or by both such fine and
283 imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. Nothing in this
284 section shall apply to any person who owns, possesses, controls,
285 installs, procures, repairs or transports any gambling device,
286 machine or equipment in accordance with subsection (4) of Section
287 97-33-7 or Section 75-76-34.

288 **SECTION 5.** Section 75-76-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
289 amended as follows:

290 75-76-5. As used in this chapter, unless the context
291 requires otherwise:

292 (a) "Applicant" means any person who has applied for or
293 is about to apply for a state gaming license, registration or



294 finding of suitability under the provisions of this chapter or
295 approval of any act or transaction for which approval is required
296 or permitted under the provisions of this chapter.

297 (b) "Application" means a request for the issuance of a
298 state gaming license, registration or finding of suitability under
299 the provisions of this chapter or for approval of any act or
300 transaction for which approval is required or permitted under the
301 provisions of this chapter but does not include any supplemental
302 forms or information that may be required with the application.

303 (c) "Associated equipment" means any equipment or
304 mechanical, electromechanical or electronic contrivance, component
305 or machine used remotely or directly in connection with gaming or
306 with any game, race book or sports pool that would not otherwise
307 be classified as a gaming device, including dice, playing cards,
308 links which connect to progressive slot machines, equipment which
309 affects the proper reporting of gross revenue, computerized
310 systems of betting at a race book or sports pool, computerized
311 systems for monitoring slot machines, and devices for weighing or
312 counting money.

313 (d) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Mississippi
314 Gaming Commission except when used in the term "Chairman of the
315 State Tax Commission." "Chairman of the State Tax Commission" or
316 "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Revenue of the Department
317 of Revenue.



318 (e) "Commission" or "Mississippi Gaming Commission"
319 means the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

320 (f) "Commission member" means a member of the
321 Mississippi Gaming Commission.

322 (g) "Credit instrument" means a writing which evidences
323 a gaming debt owed to a person who holds a license at the time the
324 debt is created, and includes any writing taken in consolidation,
325 redemption or payment of a prior credit instrument.

326 (h) "Enforcement division" means a particular division
327 supervised by the executive director that provides enforcement
328 functions.

329 (i) "Establishment" means any premises wherein or
330 whereon any gaming is done.

331 (j) "Executive director" means the Executive Director
332 of the Mississippi Gaming Commission.

333 (k) Except as otherwise provided by law, "game," or
334 "gambling game" means any banking or percentage game played with
335 cards, with dice or with any mechanical, electromechanical or
336 electronic device or machine for money, property, checks, credit
337 or any representative of value, including, without limiting, the
338 generality of the foregoing, faro, monte, roulette, keno, fan-tan,
339 twenty-one, blackjack, seven-and-a-half, big injun, klondike,
340 craps, poker, chuck-a-luck (dai shu), wheel of fortune, chemin de
341 fer, baccarat, pai gow, beat the banker, panguingui, slot machine,
342 or any other game or device approved by the commission. However,



343 "game" or "gambling game" shall not include bingo games or raffles
344 which are held pursuant to the provisions of Section 97-33-51, or
345 the illegal gambling activities described in Section 1 of this
346 act.

347 The commission shall not be required to recognize any game
348 hereunder with respect to which the commission determines it does
349 not have sufficient experience or expertise.

350 (l) "Gaming" or "gambling" means to deal, operate,
351 carry on, conduct, maintain or expose for play any game as defined
352 in this chapter.

353 (m) "Gaming device" means any mechanical,
354 electromechanical or electronic contrivance, component or machine
355 used in connection with gaming or any game which affects the
356 result of a wager by determining win or loss. The term includes a
357 system for processing information which can alter the normal
358 criteria of random selection, which affects the operation of any
359 game, or which determines the outcome of a game. The term does
360 not include a system or device which affects a game solely by
361 stopping its operation so that the outcome remains undetermined,
362 and does not include any antique coin machine as defined in
363 Section 27-27-12.

364 (n) "Gaming employee" means any person connected
365 directly with the operation of a gaming establishment licensed to
366 conduct any game, including:

367 (i) Boxmen;



- 368 (ii) Cashiers;
- 369 (iii) Change personnel;
- 370 (iv) Counting room personnel;
- 371 (v) Dealers;
- 372 (vi) Floormen;
- 373 (vii) Hosts or other persons empowered to extend
374 credit or complimentary services;
- 375 (viii) Keno runners;
- 376 (ix) Keno writers;
- 377 (x) Machine mechanics;
- 378 (xi) Security personnel;
- 379 (xii) Shift or pit bosses;
- 380 (xiii) Shills;
- 381 (xiv) Supervisors or managers; and
- 382 (xv) Ticket writers.

383 The term "gaming employee" also includes employees of
384 manufacturers or distributors of gaming equipment within this
385 state whose duties are directly involved with the manufacture,
386 repair or distribution of gaming equipment.

387 "Gaming employee" does not include bartenders, cocktail
388 waitresses or other persons engaged in preparing or serving food
389 or beverages unless acting in some other capacity.

390 (o) "Gaming license" means any license issued by the
391 state which authorizes the person named therein to engage in
392 gaming.



393 (p) "Gross revenue" means the total of all of the
394 following, less the total of all cash paid out as losses to
395 patrons and those amounts paid to purchase annuities to fund
396 losses paid to patrons over several years by independent financial
397 institutions:

398 (i) Cash received as winnings;

399 (ii) Cash received in payment for credit extended
400 by a licensee to a patron for purposes of gaming; and

401 (iii) Compensation received for conducting any
402 game in which the licensee is not party to a wager.

403 For the purposes of this definition, cash or the value of
404 noncash prizes awarded to patrons in a contest or tournament are
405 not losses.

406 The term does not include:

407 (i) Counterfeit money or tokens;

408 (ii) Coins of other countries which are received
409 in gaming devices;

410 (iii) Cash taken in fraudulent acts perpetrated
411 against a licensee for which the licensee is not reimbursed; or

412 (iv) Cash received as entry fees for contests or
413 tournaments in which the patrons compete for prizes.

414 (q) "Hearing examiner" means a member of the
415 Mississippi Gaming Commission or other person authorized by the
416 commission to conduct hearings.



417 (r) "Investigation division" means a particular
418 division supervised by the executive director that provides
419 investigative functions.

420 (s) "License" means a gaming license or a
421 manufacturer's, seller's or distributor's license.

422 (t) "Licensee" means any person to whom a valid license
423 has been issued.

424 (u) "License fees" means monies required by law to be
425 paid to obtain or continue a gaming license or a manufacturer's,
426 seller's or distributor's license.

427 (v) "Licensed gaming establishment" means any premises
428 licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter wherein or
429 whereon gaming is done.

430 (w) "Manufacturer's," "seller's" or "distributor's"
431 license means a license issued pursuant to Section 75-76-79.

432 (x) "Navigable waters" shall have the meaning ascribed
433 to such term under Section 27-109-1.

434 (y) "Operation" means the conduct of gaming.

435 (z) "Party" means the Mississippi Gaming Commission and
436 any licensee or other person appearing of record in any proceeding
437 before the commission; or the Mississippi Gaming Commission and
438 any licensee or other person appearing of record in any proceeding
439 for judicial review of any action, decision or order of the
440 commission.



441 (aa) "Person" includes any association, corporation,
442 firm, partnership, trust or other form of business association as
443 well as a natural person.

444 (bb) "Premises" means land, together with all
445 buildings, improvements and personal property located thereon, and
446 includes all parts of any vessel or cruise vessel.

447 (cc) "Race book" means the business of accepting wagers
448 upon the outcome of any event held at a track which uses the
449 pari-mutuel system of wagering.

450 (dd) "Regulation" means a rule, standard, directive or
451 statement of general applicability which effectuates law or policy
452 or which describes the procedure or requirements for practicing
453 before the commission. The term includes a proposed regulation
454 and the amendment or repeal of a prior regulation but does not
455 include:

456 (i) A statement concerning only the internal
457 management of the commission and not affecting the rights or
458 procedures available to any licensee or other person;

459 (ii) A declaratory ruling;

460 (iii) An interagency memorandum;

461 (iv) The commission's decision in a contested case
462 or relating to an application for a license; or

463 (v) Any notice concerning the fees to be charged
464 which are necessary for the administration of this chapter.



465 (ee) "Respondent" means any licensee or other person
466 against whom a complaint has been filed with the commission.

467 (ff) "Slot machine" means any mechanical, electrical or
468 other device, contrivance or machine which, upon insertion of a
469 coin, token or similar object, or upon payment of any
470 consideration, is available to play or operate, the play or
471 operation of which, whether by reason of the skill of the operator
472 or application of the element of chance, or both, may deliver or
473 entitle the person playing or operating the machine to receive
474 cash, premiums, merchandise, tokens or anything of value, whether
475 the payoff is made automatically from the machine or in any other
476 manner. The term does not include any antique coin machine as
477 defined in Section 27-27-12.

478 (gg) "Sports pool" means the business of accepting
479 wagers on sporting events, except for athletic events, by any
480 system or method of wagering other than the system known as the
481 "pari-mutuel method of wagering."

482 (hh) "State Tax Commission" or "department" means the
483 Department of Revenue of the State of Mississippi.

484 (ii) "Temporary work permit" means a work permit which
485 is valid only for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from its
486 date of issue and which is not renewable.

487 (jj) "Vessel" or "cruise vessel" shall have the
488 meanings ascribed to such terms under Section 27-109-1.



489 (kk) "Work permit" means any card, certificate or
490 permit issued by the commission, whether denominated as a work
491 permit, registration card or otherwise, authorizing the employment
492 of the holder as a gaming employee. A document issued by any
493 governmental authority for any employment other than gaming is not
494 a valid work permit for the purposes of this chapter.

495 (ll) "School or training institution" means any school
496 or training institution which is licensed by the commission to
497 teach or train gaming employees pursuant to Section 75-76-34.

498 (mm) "Cheat" means to alter the selection of criteria
499 that determine:

500 (i) The rules of a game; or

501 (ii) The amount or frequency of payment in a game.

502 (nn) "Promotional activity" means an activity or event
503 conducted or held for the purpose of promoting or marketing the
504 individual licensed gaming establishment that is engaging in the
505 promotional activity. The term includes, but is not limited to, a
506 game of any kind other than as defined in paragraph (k) of this
507 section, a tournament, a contest, a drawing, or a promotion of any
508 kind.

509 **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
510 and after July 1, 2013.

