

By: Senator(s) Johnson (19th)

To: Finance

SENATE BILL NO. 2622

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75-76-33, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REQUIRE THE GAMING COMMISSION TO ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT REQUIRE
3 CERTAIN TRAINING FOR SECURITY PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY GAMING
4 LICENSEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

8 75-76-33. (1) The commission shall, from time to time,
9 adopt, amend or repeal such regulations, consistent with the
10 policy, objects and purposes of this chapter, as it may deem
11 necessary or desirable in the public interest in carrying out the
12 policy and provisions of this chapter.

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

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

20 (b) Prescribing the information to be furnished by any
21 applicant or licensee concerning his antecedents, habits,
22 character, associates, criminal record, business activities and
23 financial affairs, past or present.

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

26 (d) Requiring fingerprinting of an applicant or
27 licensee, and gaming employees of a licensee, or other methods of

28 identification and the forwarding of all fingerprints taken
29 pursuant to regulation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

30 (e) Prescribing the manner and procedure of all
31 hearings conducted by the commission or any hearing examiner of
32 the commission, including special rules of evidence applicable
33 thereto and notices thereof.

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

40 (g) Prescribing the manner and method of collection and
41 payment of fees and issuance of licenses.

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

44 (i) Requiring any applicant or licensee to waive any
45 privilege with respect to any testimony at any hearing or meeting
46 of the commission, except any privilege afforded by the
47 Constitution of the United States or this state.

48 (j) Defining and limiting the area, games and devices
49 permitted, and the method of operation of such games and devices,
50 for the purposes of this chapter.

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

54 (l) Governing the use and approval of gambling devices
55 and equipment.

56 (m) Prescribing the qualifications of, and the
57 conditions under which, attorneys, accountants and others are
58 permitted to practice before the commission.

59 (n) Restricting access to confidential information
60 obtained under this chapter and ensuring that the confidentiality
61 of such information is maintained and protected.

62 (o) Prescribing the manner and procedure by which the
63 executive director on behalf of the commission shall notify a
64 county or a municipality wherein an applicant for a license
65 desires to locate.

66 (p) Prescribing the manner and procedure for an
67 objection to be filed with the commission and the executive
68 director by a county or municipality wherein an applicant for a
69 license desires to locate.

70 (3) The commission shall adopt regulations that require all
71 security personnel employed by licensees to be adequately trained.
72 The commission shall specify minimum requirements for such
73 training.

74 (4) 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 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
85 and after July 1, 2001.