

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 857 Session of
2009

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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
MAY 11, 2009

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for additional public input hearings.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Title 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
6 is amended by adding a section to read:

7 § 1205.1. Additional public input hearings.

8 (a) Public hearing required.--Prior to ruling on a petition
9 by a slot machine licensee seeking authorization to redesign its
10 licensed facility or seeking authorization to relocate its
11 licensed facility under section 1329 (relating to nonportability
12 of slot machine license), the board shall hold at least one
13 public hearing on the matter.

14 (b) Location.--All public input hearings required under
15 subsection (a) shall be held in the municipality where the
16 facility is located or is sought to be relocated and shall be
17 organized in cooperation with the municipality.

1 (c) Public notice.--The board shall provide public notice of
2 the date, time and location of the public hearing by advertising
3 once each week for three weeks in a newspaper of general
4 circulation within the municipality if there is such newspaper
5 and, if there is not, then publication shall be made in a
6 newspaper of general circulation within the county in which the
7 municipality is located. The board shall also post the date,
8 time and location of the public hearing on its Internet website.

9 (d) Witnesses.--The board shall establish a process through
10 which individuals may appear before the board at a public
11 hearing to comment on the merits of the petition pending before
12 the board. At a minimum, the process shall allow an individual
13 to request the opportunity to address the board through written
14 request or through the board's Internet website. A list of all
15 witnesses scheduled to testify at a public input hearing shall
16 be made public at least seven days prior to the hearing. The
17 list shall be updated at least three days prior to the hearing.
18 Additional witnesses shall be posted on the board's Internet
19 website as they are added to the list. The board may, in its
20 discretion, set reasonable time limits on an individual's
21 comments to the board at the public hearing.

22 Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.