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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, JUNE 3, 2005

Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, further providing for definitions, for Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board established, for general and specific powers, for collection of fees and fines, for slot machine license fee, for Category 2 slot machine license, for Category 3 slot machine license, for slot machine license application, for slot machine license application business entity requirements, for divestiture of disqualifying applicant, for slot machine license application financial fitness requirements, for alternative Category 1 licensing standards, for conditional Category 1 licenses, for bond for issuance of slot machine license, for supplier and manufacturer licenses application, for alternative manufacturer licensing standards, for public official financial interest, for prohibited acts and penalties, for duty to provide and for submission of fingerprints.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:
Section 1. The definition of "applicant" in section 1103 of
Title 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended and
the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

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§ 1103. Definitions.
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The following words and phrases when used in this part shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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"Applicant." Any person, officer, director or key employee, who on his own behalf or on behalf of another, is applying for permission to engage in any act or activity which is regulated under the provisions of this part. In cases in which the applicant is a corporation, foundation, organization, business trust, estate, limited liability company, trust, partnership, limited partnership, association or any other form of legal business entity, the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board shall determine the associated persons whose qualifications are [necessary] required to be considered by the board as a precondition to the licensing of the applicant. Unless otherwise indicated, the term shall not include a person seeking an occupation permit from the board.

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"Bank" or "banking institution." A bank, savings bank, savings institution, savings and loan association, thrift institution, trust company or similar organization which is organized or chartered under the laws of a state or of the United States, is authorized to and receives deposits and is supervised and examined by an official or agency of a state or by the United States if its deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or a successor authorized by Federal law.
"Licensee." A holder of a license pursuant to this part.
"Publicly traded corporation." A person that:
(1) has a class or series of securities registered under
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (48 Stat. 881,15 U.S.C.
§ 78a et seq.):
(2) is a registered management company under the
Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 789, 15 U.S.C. §
80a-1 et seq.); or
(3) is subject to the reporting obligations imposed by
section $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by
reason of having filed a registration statement which has
become effective under the Securities Act of 1933 (48 Stat.
74, 15 U.S.C. $\$ 77 \mathrm{a}$ et seq.).
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"Underwriter." As defined in the act of December 5, 1972
(P.L. 1280 , No.284), known as the Pennsylvania Securities Act of
1972.
Section 2. Sections 1201, 1202, 1208, 1209(e), $1304(a)$,
$1305(a), 1309,1311,1312,1313,1314,1315,1316,1317,1319$,
1512, 1518, 1801 and 1802 of Title 4 are amended to read:
§ 1201. Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board established.
(a) Board established.--There is established an independent
administrative board to be known as the Pennsylvania Gaming
Control Board, which shall be implemented as set forth in this
section.
(b) Membership.--The board shall consist of the following members, who shall serve a set term and may not be removed except for good cause:
(1) Three members appointed by the Governor, each being
referred to as a "gubernatorial appointee."
(2) One member appointed by each of the following legislative caucus leaders, each being referred to as a "legislative appointee":
(i) The President pro tempore of the Senate.
(ii) The Minority Leader of the Senate.
(iii) The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
(iv) The Minority Leader of the House of

Representatives.
(c) Initial appointments to board.--
(1) Gubernatorial appointee members initially appointed under subsection (b) (1) shall serve an initial term of one, two and three years respectively as designated by the Governor at the time of appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
(2) Legislative appointee members initially appointed under subsection (b) (2) shall serve until the third Tuesday in January 2007 and until their successors are appointed and qualified.
(3) Any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term. Members so appointed to fill the unexpired term of an initial appointee shall be subject to the provisions of subsection (d).
(d) Appointments after expiration of initial term or upon vacancy.--Upon the expiration of a term of a member appointed under this subsection or upon the existence of a vacancy of a member appointed pursuant to subsection (c) or this subsection, the appointing authority shall appoint a member subject to the following:
(1) For a gubernatorial appointment under subsection
(b) (1), the term shall be for three years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.
(2) Terms for legislative appointee members appointed under subsection (b) (2) shall be for a two-year term and shall expire on the third Tuesday of January of such year, but such members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.
(3) No legislative appointee member shall serve more than three full successive terms.
(4) No gubernatorial appointee member shall serve more than two full successive terms.
(5) An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term.
(e) Ex officio members.--The Secretary of Revenue, the Secretary of Agriculture and the State Treasurer shall serve on the board as nonvoting ex officio members of the board.
(f) Qualified majority vote.--
(1) Except as permitted in paragraphs (2) and (3), any action, including, but not limited to, the approval, issuance, denial or conditioning of any license by the board under this part or the making of any order or the ratification of any permissible act done or order made by one or more of the members, shall require a qualified majority vote consisting of at least one gubernatorial appointee and the four legislative appointees.
(2) Any action to suspend or revoke, not renew, void or require forfeiture of a license or permit issued under this part, to impose any administrative fine or penalty under this part or to issue cease and desist orders or similar enforcement actions shall require a majority vote of all the
members appointed to the board.
(3) Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, a member shall disclose the nature of his disqualifying interest, disqualify himself and abstain from voting in a proceeding in which his or her impartiality may be reasonably questioned, including, but not limited to, instances where he or she knows that they or a member of their immediate family possess a [substantial financial] direct or indirect financial, property, leasehold, ownership or other beneficial interest in the subject matter of the proceeding or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding. In such circumstances in which it is a legislative appointee member that has disqualified himself or herself, the qualified majority shall consist of the remaining three legislative appointees and at least two gubernatorial appointees. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "immediate family" shall mean spouse, parent, brother, sister or child.
(g) Background investigation.--Appointees shall be subject to a background investigation conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police in accordance with this part.
(h) Qualifications and restrictions.--
(1) Each member at the time of appointment shall be at least 25 years of age and shall have been a resident of this Commonwealth for a period of at least one year immediately preceding appointment. Each member shall continue to remain a resident of this Commonwealth during the term of membership on the board.
(2) Except for ex officio members, no person shall be appointed a member of the board or hold any place, position
or office under the board if that person [holds any other elected office or party office] is a public official or party officer as defined in section 1512 (relating to public official financial interest) in this Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions.
[(3) No member, appointee, employee or official shall hold any office or employment position, the duties of which are incompatible with the duties of the office.]
(4) No member, [employee,] appointee or [official] employee engaged in the service of [or in any manner connected with] the board shall hold any office or employment position, [or be engaged in any employment or vocation,] the duties of which are incompatible with employment in the service [of or in connection with the work] of the board.
(5) No member shall be paid or accept for any service connected with the office any fee other than the salary and expenses provided by law. Nothing in this part shall prohibit a member from engaging in any employment or vocation or receiving any compensation for such employment or vocation that is not [otherwise] connected to or incompatible with his or her service as a member of the board.
(6) No member, [employee,] appointee or [official] employee engaged in the service of the board shall participate in any hearing or proceeding in which that person or an immediate family member thereof has any direct or indirect [pecuniary interest.] financial, property, leasehold, ownership or other beneficial interest in the subject matter of the hearing or proceeding or any other interest that could be substantially affected by the subject matter of the hearing or proceeding, without first fully
disclosing the nature of the interest to the board and to all other persons participating in the hearing or proceeding. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "immediate family member" shall mean spouse, parent, stepparent, brother, sister, child or stepchild.
(7) At the time of appointment and annually thereafter, each member shall disclose the existence of all [ownership interests in licensed facilities and all securities in any licensed entity or applicant, its affiliates or subsidiaries held by the member, the member's spouse and any minor or unemancipated children and must divest such ownership interests in licensed facilities or securities prior to an appointment becoming final. A member may not acquire any security in any licensed entity, its affiliates or subsidiaries during the member's tenure.] financial, property, leasehold, ownership or other beneficial interest in any slot machine license applicant, manufacturer license applicant, supplier license applicant, licensed entity or licensed facility and in any holding companies, affiliates, intermediaries or subsidiary businesses thereof which are held by the member or the member's immediate family. The disclosure statement shall be filed with the executive director of the board and with the appointing authority for such member and shall be open to inspection by the public at the office of the board during the normal business hours of the board [during the tenure of the member] for the duration of the member's tenure on the board and for two years after the member leaves office. Prior to the member's appointment becoming final, any financial, property, leasehold, ownership or other beneficial interest in any slot machine license
position [in] with or the employment of any individual in any capacity by the applicant, licensed entity, [its] licensed facility, or holding company, affiliate, intermediary[,] or subsidiary [or holding company.] business thereof.
(9) Every member[,] or executive-level employee[, appointee or official appointed to office in the service of or in connection with the work] engaged in the service of the board is prohibited from accepting employment with any applicant, licensed [gaming entity, its affiliate, intermediary, subsidiary or holding company] entity, licensed facility or holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof for a period of one year from the termination of employment or service with the board. [Every member, executive-level employee, appointee or official appointed to office in the service of or in connection with the work of the board]
(9.1) Every member, appointee or executive-level employee engaged in the service of the board is prohibited from appearing before the board on behalf of any applicant, licensed [gaming entity, its affiliate, intermediary, subsidiary or holding company or] entity, licensed facility or holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof or any other licensee or permittee [of the board] for a period of two years after terminating employment or service with the board.
(10) If any [person employed or appointed] member, appointee or employee engaged in the service of the board violates any provision of this section, the appointing authority or the board shall, upon notice of said violation, forthwith remove the person from the board, withdraw the
person's appointment or terminate the person's employment or office [or employment], and the person shall be ineligible for future appointment, employment or service with the board [and], and any such person shall be ineligible to be approved for any license or permit under this part for a period of two years thereafter.
(11) No member [or employee], appointee or employee engaged in the service of the board shall wager or be paid any prize from any wager at any licensed facility within this Commonwealth or at any other facility outside this Commonwealth which is owned or operated by a licensed gaming entity or any of its [affiliates or subsidiaries.] holding companies, affiliates, intermediaries or subsidiary businesses for the duration of their employment or service with the board and for a period of one year from the termination of employment or service with the board.
(12) A member of the board who during his term has been convicted [during his term] in any domestic or foreign jurisdiction of a felony, crime of moral turpitude or gambling offense shall, upon conviction, be automatically removed from the board and shall be ineligible to become a board member in the future. If an ex officio member of the board is convicted during his term in any domestic or foreign jurisdiction of a felony, crime of moral turpitude or gambling offense, the ex officio member shall, upon conviction, be automatically removed from the board, and the person holding the next-highest ranking position in the office or department shall serve the remainder of the ex officio member's term on the board.
(13) In addition to any other prohibition or restriction
contained in this part, no employee of the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, including an employee of the Pennsylvania State Police, the Department of Revenue and the Office of Attorney General, who has been designated by their employer as an employee whose duties substantially involve the investigation or enforcement of this part shall:
(i) accept employment with any applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility or holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof for a period of one year from the termination of employment or reassignment; or
(ii) wager or be paid any prize from any wager at any licensed facility within this Commonwealth or at any other facility outside this Commonwealth which is owned or operated by a licensed gaming entity or any of its holding companies, affiliates, intermediaries or subsidiary businesses for a period of one year from the termination of employment or reassignment.

Each department or agency of this Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions shall determine whether the duties of any of its positions substantially involve the enforcement or investigation of this part and shall so notify each employee holding or taking such a position of this determination and of the resultant prohibition contained in this paragraph.
(i) Compensation.--The Executive Board as established in the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, shall establish the compensation of the members appointed pursuant to this section. Members shall be reimbursed for all necessary and actual expenses.
(j) Chairman.--The chairman of the board shall be selected
duties shall be determined by the board. In order to ensure the ability of the board to recruit and retain individuals necessary to execute its responsibilities under this part, the board shall set the classification and compensation of its employees and shall not be subject to the provisions of the act of April 9, 1929 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929, as to classification and compensation for its employees and conduct its activities consistent with the practices and procedures of Commonwealth agencies. For the purposes of the act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act, the board shall not be considered an executive or independent agency. The board shall have such other powers and authority necessary to carry out its duties and the objectives of this part.
(b) Specific powers.--The board shall have the specific power and duty:
(1) To require background investigations on prospective or existing employees engaged in the service of the board and on applicants, licensees, permittees or persons holding a controlling interest in any [prospective or existing] applicant, licensee or permittee [under] within the jurisdiction of the board pursuant to this part.
(2) To enter into an agreement with the Pennsylvania State Police for the reimbursement of actual costs as approved by the board to the Pennsylvania State Police for the investigations. Investigations shall include information in the possession of the Attorney General.
(3) For purposes of [the] background [investigation] investigations, the board may receive information otherwise protected by 18 Pa.C.S. Ch. 91 (relating to criminal history
record information).
(4) At its discretion, to issue, approve, renew, revoke, suspend, condition or deny issuance or renewal of slot machine licenses[.], including, but not limited to, violations of sections 1328 (relating to change in ownership or control of slot machine licensee) and 1330 (relating to multiple slot machine license prohibition).
(5) At its discretion, to issue, approve, renew, revoke, suspend, condition or deny issuance or renewal of supplier and manufacturer licenses.
(6) At its discretion, to issue, approve, renew, revoke, suspend, condition or deny issuance or renewal of occupation permits.
(7) At its discretion, to issue, approve, renew, revoke, suspend, condition or deny issuance or renewal of any additional licenses or permits which may be required by the board under this part or by [regulation, including, but not limited to, violations of sections 1328 (relating to change in ownership or control of slot machine licensee) and 1330 (relating to multiple slot machine license prohibition).] regulations adopted by the board.
(8) At its discretion, to suspend, condition or deny the issuance or renewal of any license or permit or levy fines or other sanctions against an applicant, licensee or permittee for any violation of this part.
(9) To require prospective and existing employees engaged in the service of the board and applicants for licenses and permits to submit to fingerprinting by the Pennsylvania State Police. The Pennsylvania State Police shall submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of

Investigation for purposes of verifying the identity of the employees or applicants and obtaining records of criminal arrests and convictions.
(10) In addition to the power of the board regarding [license and permit] applicants for licenses and permits, to determine at its discretion the suitability of any person who furnishes or seeks to furnish to a slot machine licensee directly or indirectly any services or property related to slot machines or associated equipment or through any arrangements under which that person receives payment based directly or indirectly on earnings, profits or receipts from the slot machines and associated equipment. The board may require any such person to comply with the requirements of this part and the regulations of the board, including fingerprinting and background investigations, and may prohibit the person from furnishing the services or property[.] and if the person is an applicant, licensee or permittee, may levy fines or other sanctions upon the person for any act which the board deems inconsistent with a decision or order of the board pursuant to this paragraph or with any regulations of the board adopted in furtherance thereof.
(10.1) In its discretion, to levy fines or other sanctions against any applicant, licensee or permittee who possesses, uses, sells or offers for sale any device, equipment or material subject to this part in any manner which constitutes a violation of this part or regulations adopted by the board.
(11) As a board and through its designated officers, employees or agents, to administer oaths, examine witnesses
and issue subpoenas to compel attendance of witnesses and production of all relevant and material reports, books, papers, documents and other evidence.
(12) Within six months after the effective date of this part, in a manner that does not impede the immediate implementation of the duties and responsibilities of the board under this part during the immediate two years after the effective date of this part, to develop and implement an affirmative action plan to assure that all persons are accorded equality of opportunity in employment and contracting by the board, its contractors, subcontractors, assignees, lessees, agents, vendors and suppliers.
(13) Except for contracts related to the central control computer and such other contracts as the board, in consultation with the Secretary of General Services, determines would result in substantial savings to the board if entered into for a longer period than provided in this paragraph, all contracts entered into by the board during the two-year period following the effective date of this part shall not exceed a term of two years.
(14) To promulgate rules and regulations the board deems necessary to carry out the policy and purposes of this part and to enhance the credibility and the integrity of the licensed operation of slot machines and associated equipment in this Commonwealth.
(15) The board shall not issue or renew a license or permit unless it is satisfied that the applicant, licensee or permittee is a person of good character, honesty and integrity and is a person whose prior activities, criminal record, if any, reputation, habits and associations do not

Enforcement within the board. The board shall promulgate regulations pertaining to the operation of the bureau which shall insure separation of functions between the bureau and the board. The board shall provide the employees necessary to the bureau for enforcement of this part.
(18) To enter into an agreement with the district attorneys of the counties wherein licensed facilities are located and the Office of Attorney General for the reimbursement of actual costs for prosecutions of criminal violations of this part.
(19) To publish each January in the Pennsylvania Bulletin a complete list of all persons or entities who applied for or held a slot machine license, manufacturer license or supplier license at any time during the preceding calendar year and all holding companies, affiliates, intermediaries and subsidiary companies thereof and a complete list of all licensed facilities at which an applicant proposed to operate slot machines or at which a licensee operated slot machines in the preceding calendar year and all holding companies, affiliates, intermediaries and subsidiary companies thereof.
(20) To issue to any individual upon such individual's request an advisory opinion with respect to whether the individual is an executive-level public employee or whether the individual's duties substantially involve the investigation or enforcement of this part. No individual who acts in good faith on an opinion issued to such individual shall be subject to any penalties for so acting, provided that the material facts are as stated in the individual's request for an opinion.
(21) To adopt a seal bearing the inscription:
"Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board." The seal shall be affixed to or imprinted on all orders, licenses and permits issued by it and such other instruments as the board directs. All courts shall take judicial notice of the seal.
§ 1208. Collection of fees and fines.
The board has the following powers and duties:
(1) To levy and collect fees from the various applicants, licensees and permittees to fund the operations of the board. The fees shall be deposited into the State Gaming Fund as established in section 1403 (relating to establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution). In addition to the fees set forth in sections 1209 (relating to slot machine license fee) and 1305 (relating to Category 3 slot machine license), the board shall assess and collect fees as follows:
(i) Supplier licensees shall pay a fee of $\$ 25,000$ upon the issuance of a license and $\$ 10,000$ for the annual renewal of a supplier license.
(ii) Manufacturer licensees shall pay a fee of $\$ 50,000$ upon the issuance of a license and $\$ 25,000$ for the annual renewal of a manufacturer license.
(iii) Each application for a slot machine license, supplier license or manufacturer license must be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee set by the board for the cost of each individual requiring a background investigation. The reasonable and necessary costs and expenses incurred in any background investigation or other investigation or proceeding concerning any applicant, licensee or permittee shall be reimbursed to
of the established resort hotel or if the individual is not a patron of one or more of the amenities provided by the established resort hotel.
§ 1309. Slot machine license application.
(a) General requirements.--In addition to any other information required under this part or as may be required by the board, the application for any category of slot machine license shall include at a minimum:
(1) The name, address, photograph and handwriting exemplar of the applicant and of all directors and owners and key employees and their positions within the corporation or organization, as well as any additional financial information required by the board.
(1.1) A specific description of the site of the proposed licensed facility, including the names and addresses of any person or entity holding a financial, property, leasehold, ownership or other beneficial interest in the licensed facility and any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof.
(2) The proposed location of the slot machine areas, if known.
(3) The number of slot machines requested.
(4) A current tax lien certificate issued by the department.
(5) In those instances where additional slot machines are being requested, the justification and explanation for the number and proposed location of the slot machine areas within the confines of the licensed facility.
(6) The current status of the horse or harness racing
the entity[;], other than a bank which makes a loan or holds a mortgage or other lien acquired in the ordinary course of business; each person who in the opinion of the board has the ability to control the entity, has a controlling interest or elects a majority of the board of directors of that corporation or business entity, other than a [banking or other licensed lending institution] bank which makes a loan or holds a mortgage or other lien acquired in the ordinary course of business; each key employee; each lender, other than a [banking or other licensed lending institution] bank which makes a loan or holds a mortgage or other lien acquired in the ordinary course of business; each underwriter; each agent; each employee of the corporation or entity and each other person whom the board may consider appropriate for approval or qualification. The board may waive compliance with the provisions of this subsection on the part of a publicly traded corporation as to a person directly or indirectly holding [ownership of securities of] or being deemed to be holding debt or equity securities of or other financial interest in such corporation where the board is satisfied that the security holder is not significantly involved in the activities of the corporation and does not have the ability to control the corporation or elect one or more directors thereof.
(b) Slot machine license qualification requirement.--No corporation or any other legal business entity [or other form of business organization which is a subsidiary] shall be eligible to receive or hold a slot machine license unless each [holding and intermediary company with respect thereto:] holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof:
(1) if it is a corporation [or other legal business
effect or proposed. [Any such banking or lending institution and institutional investors may be waived from the qualification requirements. A banking or lending institution or institutional investor shall, however, produce for the board upon request any document or information which bears any relation to the proposal submitted by the applicant or applicants. Upon request of the board, any such person or entity shall produce all documents and information which the board determines bear any relation to the application. The integrity of the financial sources shall be judged upon the same standards as the applicant. [Any such person or entity shall produce for the board upon request any document or information which bears any relation to the application.] In addition, the applicant shall produce whatever information, documentation or assurances the board requires in order to establish to the board by clear and convincing evidence the adequacy of its own financial resources.
(c) Applicant's ability to pay license fee.--The board shall require each applicant for a Category 1 or 2 slot machine license at the time of application to post a letter of credit or bond in the amount of $\$ 50,000,000$ to demonstrate the financial ability to pay the slot machine license fee as required in section 1209 (relating to slot machine license fee) if issued a slot machine license by the board. Each applicant for a Category 3 slot machine license at the time of application shall be required to post a letter of credit or bond in the amount of $\$ 5,000,000$ to demonstrate the financial ability to pay the Category 3 slot machine license fee as required in section 1305 (relating to Category 3 slot machine license) if issued a slot machine license by the board.
(d) Applicant's business experience.--The board shall
require each applicant for a slot machine license to produce the information, documentation and assurances as the board may require to establish by clear and convincing evidence that the applicant has sufficient business ability and experience to create and maintain a successful, efficient operation. [Applicants] An applicant shall produce the names of all proposed key employees and a description of their respective or proposed responsibilities as they become known.
(e) Applicant's operational viability.--In assessing the financial viability of [the] an applicant's proposed licensed facility, the board shall make a finding, after review of the application, that the applicant is likely to maintain a financially successful, viable and efficient business operation at the proposed licensed facility and will likely be able to maintain a steady level and growth of revenue to the Commonwealth pursuant to section 1403 (relating to establishment of State Gaming Fund and net slot machine revenue distribution). Notwithstanding any provision of this part to the contrary, an applicant that includes a commitment or promise to pay a slot machine license fee in excess of the amount provided in section 1209 or a distribution of terminal revenue in excess of the amounts provided in sections 1403, 1405 (relating to Pennsylvania Race Horse Development Fund) and 1407 (relating to Pennsylvania Gaming Economic Development and Tourism Fund) shall not be deemed a financially successful, viable or efficient business operation and shall not be approved for a slot machine license.
(f) Additional information.--In addition to other information required by this part, [a person applying] an applicant for a slot machine license shall provide the following
posts the bond required by section 1316 (relating to bond for issuance of slot machine license).
(b) Suitability; financial capability.--An applicant shall provide the board with satisfactory evidence of suitability and financial capability of the applicant to be a slot machine licensee prior to the board granting the conditional license. Satisfactory evidence shall include, at a minimum, information sufficient for the board to make a preliminary determination of the applicant's suitability and financial capability for the issuance of a license as set forth in sections 1310 (relating to slot machine license application character requirements) and 1313 (relating to slot machine license application financial fitness requirements).
(c) Complete application.--No later than upon issuance of a conditional license, the applicant shall submit a complete application for a Category 1 license pursuant to section 1302 (relating to Category 1 slot machine license) as set forth by this part.
(d) Expiration.--If the holder of a conditional license does not receive board approval for the issuance of a Category 1 slot machine license under the standards set forth in this part within 18 months from the time set by the board pursuant to section 1301 (relating to authorized slot machine licenses) at which all applications are to be filed and deemed complete, the conditional license shall expire. Failure to meet the requirements of this part for licensure shall cause immediate forfeiture of the conditional slot machine license and revocation of authorization to operate slot machines at the licensed facility.
(e) Return of fee.--In the event of the expiration of a
conditional license or the denial of an application for a slot machine license pursuant to section 1302, the applicant shall be entitled to a return of $85 \%$ of the conditional slot machine license fee it submitted with its application. § 1316. Bond for issuance of slot machine license.

Before any category of slot machine license is issued, including a conditional license issued pursuant to section 1315 (relating to conditional Category 1 licenses), the licensee shall post a bond in an amount not less than the sum of $\$ 1,000,000$, as set by the board, payable to the Commonwealth. The bond shall be used to guarantee that the slot machine licensee faithfully makes the payments, keeps books and records, makes reports and conducts operations in conformity with this part and rules, regulations and orders promulgated by the board. The bond shall not be canceled by a surety on less than 30 days' notice in writing to the board. If a bond is canceled and the slot machine licensee fails to file a new bond with the board in the required amount on or before the effective date of cancellation, the licensee's license shall be revoked or suspended. The total and aggregate liability of the surety on the bond is limited to the amount specified in the bond. § 1317. Supplier and manufacturer licenses application.
(a) Application.--Any person seeking to provide slot machines or associated equipment to a slot machine licensee within this Commonwealth or to manufacture slot machines for use in this Commonwealth shall apply to the board for either a supplier or manufacturer license. No person, its affiliate, intermediary, subsidiary or holding company who has [applied] an application pending for or is a holder of a manufacturer or slot machine license shall be eligible to apply for or hold a
supplier license. A supplier licensee shall establish a principle place of business in this Commonwealth within one year of issuance of its supplier license and maintain such during the period in which the license is held. No slot machine licensee shall enter into any sale, lease, contract or any other type of agreement providing slot machines, progressive slot machines, parts or associated equipment for use or play within this Commonwealth with any person other than a supplier licensed pursuant to this section. Slot monitoring systems, casino management systems, player tracking systems and wide-area progressive systems are excluded from any requirements that they be provided through a licensed supplier as set forth in this part.
(b) Requirements.--The application for a supplier or manufacturer license shall include, at a minimum:
(1) The name and business address of the applicant, the directors and owners of the applicant and a list of employees and their positions within the business, as well as any financial information required by the board.
(1.1) The names of the applicant's holding companies, affiliates, intermediaries and subsidiary businesses and the names of all officers, directors, owners and key employees thereof.
(2) The consent to a background investigation of the applicant, its officers, directors, owners, key employees or other persons required by the board and a release to obtain any and all information necessary for the completion of the background investigation.
(3) The details of any equivalent license granted or denied by other jurisdictions where gaming activities are
permitted and consent for the board to acquire copies of applications submitted or licenses issued in connection therewith.
(4) The type of goods and services to be supplied or manufactured and whether those goods and services will be provided through purchase, lease, contract or otherwise.
(5) Any other information determined by the board to be appropriate.
§ 1319. Alternative manufacturer licensing standards.
(a) General rule.--[The board may determine whether the licensing standards of another jurisdiction within the United States in which an applicant for a manufacturer license is similarly licensed are comprehensive and thorough and provide similar adequate safeguards as those required by this part. If the board makes that determination, it may issue a manufacturer license to an applicant who holds a similar manufacturer license in such other jurisdiction after conducting an evaluation of the information relating to the applicant from such other jurisdictions, as updated by the board, and evaluating other information related to the applicant received from that jurisdiction and other jurisdictions where the applicant may be licensed, the board may incorporate such information in whole or in part into its evaluation of the applicant.] If an applicant for a manufacturer license or a holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof is similarly licensed in another jurisdiction and the board determines that the licensing standards of the other jurisdiction are thorough and comprehensive and provide safeguards in the public interest similar to those provided by this part, the board may evaluate the applicant based upon information obtained from that
jurisdiction, as updated by the applicant or the board, and information obtained from any other jurisdictions where the applicant may be licensed. The board may incorporate such information in whole or in part into its evaluation of the applicant and may require the applicant to provide any other information consistent with this part. Upon review of said information, the board may issue a manufacturer license to the applicant.
(b) Abbreviated process.--In the event an applicant for a slot machine manufacturer license is licensed in another jurisdiction within the United States and the board determines that the licensing standards of the other jurisdiction are thorough and comprehensive and provide safeguards in the public interest similar to those provided in this part, the board may determine to use an alternate process requiring only that information determined by the board to be necessary to [consider the issuance of a license, including financial viability of the licensee, to such an applicant.] determine whether to issue a license to the applicant. In no event shall the board issue a license pursuant to this section without requiring, at a minimum, clear and convincing information of the applicant's suitability and financial capability for the issuance of a license. The standard for determining the applicant's suitability and financial capability for the issuance of a license shall be substantially similar to the standard used for the issuance of a slot machine license. Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive any fees associated with obtaining a license through the normal application process. § 1512. Public official financial interest.
(a) General rule.--Except as may be provided by rule or
order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, no [executive-level State] person who is an executive-level public employee, public official, party officer or immediate family member thereof shall have[, at or following the effective date of this part,] a financial interest in or be employed, directly or indirectly, by any [licensed racing entity or licensed gaming entity, or any holding, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary company, thereof, or any such applicant, nor] slot machine license applicant, supplier license applicant, manufacturer license applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility, licensed racing entity or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof. No slot machine license applicant, supplier license applicant, manufacturer license applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility, licensed racing entity or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof shall give to any person who is an executive-level public employee, public official, party officer or immediate family member thereof, directly or indirectly, for or without consideration, any financial interest in said applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility, licensed racing entity or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof.
(b) Complimentary services and discounts.--
(1) No person who is an executive-level public employee, public official, party officer or immediate family member thereof shall solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any complimentary service or discount from any [licensed racing entity or licensed gaming entity which he or she] slot machine license applicant, manufacturer license applicant, supplier license applicant, licensed entity, licensed
facility, licensed racing entity or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof which the person knows or has reason to know is other than a service or discount that is offered to members of the general public in like circumstances during [his or her] the person's status as an executive-level [State] public employee, public official or party officer and for one year following termination of the person's status as an executive-level [State] public employee, public official or party officer. (2) No slot machine license applicant, manufacturer license applicant, supplier license applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility, licensed racing entity or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof shall offer or deliver, directly or indirectly, to any person who is an executive-level public employee, public official, party officer or immediate family member thereof any complimentary service or discount from which the applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility, licensed racing entity or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof knows or has reason to know is other than a service or discount that is offered to members of the general public in like circumstances during the person's status as an executivelevel public employee, public official or party officer and for one year following termination of the person's status as an executive-level public employee, public official or party officer.
(c) Time for compliance.--Except as provided in subsection (d):
(1) A person who is an executive-level public employee,
racing entity and of any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof for the purposes of determining whether any person that has submitted a list of financial interests pursuant to this subsection possesses a financial interest that may require divestment. Whenever the legal office of the board finds that any financial interest submitted by any person for its review may require divestment, it shall immediately notify such person in writing and that person shall not be deemed to be in violation of subsection (a) or section $1201(\mathrm{~h})$ if he or she divests such financial interest within 30 days after receiving the notice. The protection accorded by this subsection shall be limited to financial interests that are submitted to the legal office of the board. Any list of financial interests provided to the legal office pursuant to this subsection shall be confidential. It shall be unlawful for any person in the legal office of the board to disclose any financial interest submitted for its review pursuant to this subsection to any person, including any member or employee engaged in the service of the board, other than the person submitting the list of financial interest or that person's duly authorized designee. Any person in the legal office of the board or any member or employee engaged in the service of the board who shall disclose any financial interest submitted pursuant to this subsection in any manner not authorized by this subsection commits a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than $\$ 1,000$ or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, together with the costs of prosecution and shall automatically forfeit his or her office or employment with the board.
(e) Notice on statement of financial interest.--The State
or gaming exceed $50 \%$ of such group's total revenue for the period being measured, then the amount of equity shall be zero.
["Executive-level State employee." The Governor, Lieutenant Governor, cabinet members, deputy secretaries, the Governor's office executive staff, any State employee with discretionary powers which may affect the outcome of a State agency's decision in relation to a private corporation or business, with respect to any matter covered by this part or any executive employee who by virtue of his job function could influence the outcome of such a decision.]
"Executive-level public employee." An individual employed by the Commonwealth, a host county or a host municipality who is responsible for taking or recommending official action of a nonministerial nature with regard to any activity where the official action has an economic impact of greater than a de minimis nature on the interest of any person if:
(1) such official action may affect the outcome of a

Commonwealth agency's decision or the decision of any host county or host municipality in relation to any person with respect to any matter covered by this part; or
(2) such individual by virtue of his job function could influence the outcome of such a decision.
"Financial interest." Owning or holding or being deemed to hold, debt or equity securities [exceeding 1\% of the equity or fair market value of the licensed racing entity or licensed gaming entity, its holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business.] or any other ownership interest or profits interest in an applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility or any holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof. A financial interest shall not include:
(1) any [such stock] financial interest that is held in a blind trust over which the executive-level [State] public employee, public official, party officer or immediate family member thereof may not exercise any managerial control or receive any income therefrom during the tenure of office and [the period under subsection (a).] for one year thereafter. (2) Securities issued by an investment company registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 789, 15 U.S.C. § 80 a-1 et seq.) which is advised by an independent investment adviser, provided the registered investment company does not own or hold securities that exceed in the aggregate $1 \%$ of the equity of the applicant, licensed entity, licensed facility, holding company, affiliate, intermediary or subsidiary business thereof as of its most recent audited financial statement.
(3) Securities that are held in the following manner:
(i) A pension plan, profit-sharing plan, individual
retirement account, tax sheltered annuity, a plan established pursuant to section 457 of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.), or any successor provision, deferred compensation
plan whether qualified or not qualified under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 , or any successor provision, or other retirement plan that:
(A) Is not self-directed by the individual.
(B) Is advised by an independent investment adviser who has sole authority to make investment decisions with respect to contributions made by the individual to these plans.
this Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, provided that it shall not include members of advisory boards that have no authority to expend public funds other than reimbursement for personal expense or to otherwise exercise the power of the Commonwealth or any political subdivision or commissioner of any authority or joint-state commission.
§ 1518. Prohibited acts; penalties.
(a) Criminal offenses.--
(1) The provisions of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4902 (relating to perjury), 4903 (relating to false swearing) or 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities) shall apply to any person providing information or making any statement, whether written or oral, to the board, the bureau, the department, the Pennsylvania State Police or the Office of Attorney General, as required by this part.
(2) It is unlawful for a person to willfully:
(i) fail to report, pay or truthfully account for and pay over any license fee, tax or assessment imposed under this part; or
(ii) attempt in any manner to evade or defeat any license fee, tax or assessment imposed under this [party] part.
(3) It is unlawful for any licensed entity, gaming employee, key employee or any other person to permit a slot machine to be operated, transported, repaired or opened on the premises of a licensed facility by a person other than a person licensed or permitted by the board pursuant to this part.
(4) It is unlawful for any licensed entity or other person to manufacture, supply or place slot machines into
play or display slot machines on the premise of a licensed facility without the authority of the board.
(5) Except as provided for in section 1326 (relating to license renewals), it is unlawful for a licensed entity or other person to manufacture, supply, operate, carry on or expose for play any slot machine after the person's license has expired and prior to the actual renewal of the license.
(6) (i) Except as set forth in subparagraph (ii), it is unlawful for an individual while on the premises of a licensed facility to knowingly use currency other than lawful coin or legal tender of the United States or a coin not of the same denomination as the coin intended to be used in the slot machine[.] with the intent to cheat or defraud a licensed gaming entity or the Commonwealth or damage the slot machine.
(ii) In the playing of a slot machine, it is lawful for an individual to use gaming billets, tokens or similar objects issued by the licensed gaming entity which are approved by the board.
(7) (i) Except as set forth in subparagraph (ii), it is unlawful for an individual [on the premises of a licensed facility] to use or possess a cheating or thieving device, counterfeit or altered billet, ticket, token or similar objects accepted by a slot machine or counterfeit or altered slot machine-issued tickets or vouchers at a licensed facility.
(ii) An authorized employee of a licensee or an employee of the board may possess and use a cheating or thieving device, counterfeit or altered billet, ticket, token or similar objects accepted by a slot machine or
counterfeit or altered slot machine-issued tickets or vouchers [only] in performance of the duties of employment.
(iii) As used in this paragraph, the term "cheating or thieving device" includes, but is not limited to, a device to facilitate the alignment of any winning combination or to remove from any slot machine money or other contents. The term includes, but is not limited to, a tool, drill, wire, coin or token attached to a string or wire and any electronic or magnetic device.
(8) (i) Except as set forth in subparagraph (ii), it is unlawful for an individual to knowingly possess or use while on the premises of a licensed facility a key or device designed for the purpose of and suitable for opening or entering any slot machine or coin box which is located on the premises of the licensed facility.
(ii) An authorized employee of a licensee or a member of the board may possess and use a device referred to in subparagraph (i) [only] in the performance of the duties of employment.
(9) It is unlawful for a person or licensed entity to possess any device, equipment or material which the person or licensed entity knows has been manufactured, distributed, sold, tampered with or serviced in violation of the provisions of this part[.] with the intent to use the device, equipment or material as though it had been manufactured, distributed, sold, tampered with or serviced pursuant to this part.
(9.1) It is unlawful for a person or licensed entity to sell, offer for sale, represent or pass off as lawful any
device, equipment or material which the person or licensed entity knows has been manufactured, distributed, sold, tampered with or serviced in violation of this part.
(10) It is unlawful for an individual to work or be employed in a position the duties of which would require licensing or permitting under the provisions of this part without first obtaining the requisite license or permit [as provided for in] issued under the provisions of this part.
(11) It is unlawful for a licensed gaming entity that is a licensed racing entity and that has lost the license issued to it by either the State Horse Racing Commission or the State Harness Racing Commission under the Race Horse Industry Reform Act or that has had that license suspended to operate slot machines at the racetrack for which its slot machine license was issued unless the license issued to it by either the State Horse Racing Commission or the State Harness Racing Commission will be subsequently reissued or reinstated within 30 days after the loss or suspension.
(12) It is unlawful for a licensed entity to employ or continue to employ an individual in a position the duties of which require a license or permit under the provisions of this part if the individual:
(i) [An individual] Is not licensed or permitted under the provisions of this part.
(ii) [An individual who is] Is prohibited from accepting employment from a licensee.
(13) It is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to be permitted in the area of a licensed facility where slot machines are operated.
(b) Criminal penalties and fines.--
(1) (i) A person [that violates subsection (a) (1) commits an offense to be graded in accordance with 18 Pa.C.S. § 4902, 4903 or 4904, as applicable, for a first conviction.] who commits a first offense in violation of 18 Pa.C.S § 4902 (relating to perjury), 4903 (relating to false swearing) or 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities) in connection with providing information or making any statement, whether written or oral, to the board, the bureau, the department, the Pennsylvania State Police or the Office of Attorney General as required by this part commits an offense to be graded in accordance with the applicable section violated. A person that is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of [subsection (a)(1)] 18 Pa.C.S. § 4902, 4903 or 4904 in connection with providing information or making any statement, whether written or oral, to the board, the bureau, the department, the Pennsylvania State Police or the Office of Attorney General as required by this part commits a felony of the second degree.
(ii) A person that violates subsection (a) (2) through (12) commits a misdemeanor of the first degree. A person that is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) (2) through (12) commits a felony of the second degree.
(2) (i) For a first violation of subsection (a) (1) through (12), a person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of:
(A) not less than $\$ 75,000$ nor more than $\$ 150,000$ if the person is an individual;
(B) not less than $\$ 300,000$ nor more than $\$ 600,000$ if the person is a licensed gaming entity; or
(C) not less than $\$ 150,000$ nor more than $\$ 300,000$ if the person is a licensed manufacturer or supplier.
(ii) For a second or subsequent violation of subsection (a) (1) through (12), a person shall be sentenced to pay a fine of:
(A) not less than $\$ 150,000$ nor more than $\$ 300,000$ if the person is an individual;
(B) not less than $\$ 600,000$ nor more than $\$ 1,200,000$ if the person is a licensed gaming entity; or
(C) not less than $\$ 300,000$ nor more than $\$ 600,000$ if the person is a licensed manufacturer or supplier.
(c) Board-imposed administrative sanctions.--
(1) In addition to any other penalty authorized by law, the board may impose without limitation the following sanctions upon any licensee or permittee:
(i) Revoke the license or permit of any person convicted of a criminal offense under this part or regulations promulgated under this part or committing any other offense or violation of this part or applicable law which would otherwise disqualify such person from holding the license or permit.
(ii) Revoke the license or permit of any person determined to have violated a provision of this part or regulations promulgated under this part which would
otherwise disqualify such person from holding the license or permit.
(iii) Revoke the license or permit of any person for willfully and knowingly violating or attempting to violate an order of the board directed to such person.
(iv) Suspend the license or permit of any person pending the outcome of a hearing in any case in which license or permit revocation could result.
(v) Suspend the license of any licensed gaming entity for violation of or attempting to violate any provisions of this part or regulations promulgated under this part relating to its slot machine operations.
(vi) Assess administrative penalties as necessary to punish misconduct and to deter future violations.
(vii) Order restitution of any moneys or property unlawfully obtained or retained by a licensee or permittee.
(viii) Enter cease and desist orders which specify the conduct which is to be discontinued, altered or implemented by the licensee or permittee.
(ix) Issue letters of reprimand or censure, which letters shall be made a permanent part of the file of each licensee or permittee so sanctioned.
(2) If the board refuses to issue or renew a license or permit, suspends or revokes a license or permit, assesses civil penalties, orders restitution, enters a cease and desist order or issues a letter of reprimand or censure, it shall provide the applicant or licensee or permittee with written notification of its decision, including a statement of the reasons for its decision by certified mail within five
business days of the decision. Any applicant or licensee or permittee who has received notice of a refusal, suspension or revocation of a license or permit, the assessment of civil penalties, an order of restitution, the entrance of a cease and desist order or the issuance of a letter of reprimand or censure from the board shall have the right to an administrative hearing before the board in accordance with 2 Pa.C.S. Chs. 5 Subch. A (relating to practice and procedure of Commonwealth agencies) and 7 Subch. A (relating to judicial review of Commonwealth agency action).
(3) In addition to any other fines or penalties that the board may impose under this part or regulation, if a person violates subsection (a)(2), the board shall impose an administrative penalty of three times the amount of the license fee, tax or other assessment evaded and not paid, collected or paid over. This subsection is subject to 2 Pa.C.S. Chs. 5 Subch. A and 7 Subch. A.
§ 1801. Duty to provide.
Notwithstanding the provisions of the Race Horse Industry Reform Act or this part, the Pennsylvania State Police shall at the request of the commissions or the board provide criminal history background investigations, which shall include records of criminal arrests [or] and convictions, no matter where occurring, including Federal criminal history record information, on applicants for licensure and applicants for permits by the respective agencies pursuant to the Race Horse Industry Reform Act or this part. Requests for criminal history background investigations may, at the direction of the commissions or the board, include, but not be limited to, officers, directors and stockholders of licensed corporations,
to provide). [The] Fingerprints and photographs obtained pursuant to this part may be maintained by the commissions, the board and the Pennsylvania State Police for use pursuant to this part and for general law enforcement purposes. In addition to any other fee or cost assessed by the commissions or the board, an applicant shall pay for the cost of fingerprinting and photographing.

Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

