

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in gaming, further providing for slot machine
3 testing and certification standards and for table game and
4 associated equipment testing and certification standards.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 1320(a) of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 1320. Slot machine testing and certification standards.

11 (a) Use of other state standards.--Until such time as the
12 board establishes an independent testing and certification
13 facility pursuant to subsection (b), the board may determine, at
14 its discretion, whether the slot machine testing and
15 certification standards of another jurisdiction within the
16 United States in which an applicant for a manufacturer license
17 is licensed are comprehensive and thorough and provide similar
18 adequate safeguards as those required by this part. If the board

1 makes that determination, it may permit a manufacturer through a
2 licensed supplier as provided in section 1317 (relating to
3 supplier and manufacturer licenses application) to deploy those
4 slot machines which have met the slot machine testing and
5 certification standards in such other jurisdictions without
6 undergoing the full testing and certification process by a
7 board-established independent facility. In the event slot
8 machines of an applicant for a manufacturer license are licensed
9 in such other jurisdiction, the board may determine to use an
10 abbreviated process requiring only that information determined
11 by the board to be necessary to consider the issuance of a slot
12 machine certification to such an applicant. [Alternatively, the
13 board in its discretion may also rely upon the certification of
14 a slot machine that has met the testing and certification
15 standards of a board-approved private testing and certification
16 facility until such time as the board establishes an independent
17 testing and certification facility pursuant to subsection (b).]
18 Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive any fees
19 associated with obtaining a license through the normal
20 application process.

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22 (b.1) Use of private testing and certification facilities.--
23 If a slot machine is tested and certified by a private testing
24 and certification facility registered with the board, the board
25 shall use an abbreviated certification process requiring only
26 that information determined by the board to be necessary to
27 consider the issuance of a slot machine certification. Within
28 one year following the effective date of this subsection, the
29 board shall promulgate regulations that:

30 (1) Provide for the registration of private testing and

1 certification facilities, specify the form of the application
2 required for such registration, establish fees required for
3 the application and investigation of the applicant.

4 (2) Authorize the board to utilize information provided
5 by private testing and certification facilities for the
6 abbreviated certification of slot machines.

7 (3) Establish uniform procedures and standards which
8 private testing and certification facilities must follow
9 during the testing and certification of slot machines.

10 (4) Establish an abbreviated certification process for
11 slot machines tested and certified by registered private
12 testing and certification facilities and establish fees
13 required for abbreviated certification.

14 (5) Require slot machines submitted for abbreviated
15 certification to be approved or denied by the board within 30
16 days from the date of submission. If the board fails to act
17 within the 30-day period, the abbreviated certification shall
18 be deemed approved.

19 (6) Provide standards and procedures for the revocation
20 of the registration of a private testing and certification
21 facility.

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23 Section 2. Section 13A41 of Title 4 is amended by adding a
24 subsection to read:

25 § 13A41. Table game device and associated equipment testing and
26 certification standards.

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28 (c) Use of private testing and certification facilities.--If
29 a table game device or associated equipment is tested and
30 certified by a private testing and certification facility

1 registered with the board, the board shall use an abbreviated
2 certification process requiring only that information determined
3 by the board to be necessary to consider the issuance of a table
4 game device or associated equipment certification. Within one
5 year following the effective date of this subsection, the board
6 shall promulgate regulations that:

7 (1) Provide for the registration of private testing and
8 certification facilities, specify the form of the application
9 required for such registration, establish fees required for
10 the application and investigation of the applicant.

11 (2) Authorize the board to utilize information provided
12 by private testing and certification facilities for the
13 abbreviated certification of table game devices and
14 associated equipment.

15 (3) Establish uniform procedures and standards which
16 private testing and certification facilities must follow
17 during the testing and certification of table game devices
18 and associated equipment.

19 (4) Establish an abbreviated certification process for
20 table game devices and associated equipment tested and
21 certified by registered private testing and certification
22 facilities and establish fees required for abbreviated
23 certification.

24 (5) Require table game devices and associated equipment
25 submitted for abbreviated certification to be approved or
26 denied by the board within 30 days from the date of
27 submission. If the board fails to act within the 30-day
28 period, the abbreviated certification shall be deemed
29 approved.

30 (6) Provide standards and procedures for the revocation

1 of the registration of a private testing and certification
2 facility.

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