
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 718 Session of
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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
APRIL 10, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board, further
3 providing for applicability of other statutes, for general
4 and specific powers, for expenses of regulatory agencies and
5 for regulatory authority of board.

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

8 Section 1. Sections 1201.1(b)(1) and 1202(b)(4) of Title 4
9 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

10 § 1201.1. Applicability of other statutes.

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12 (b) Status of board.--

13 (1) The board shall be considered an independent agency
14 for the purposes of the following:

15 (i) 62 Pa.C.S. Pt. I (relating to Commonwealth
16 Procurement Code). The expediting of the payment of
17 revenue to the Commonwealth shall not be grounds for an
18 emergency procurement by the board. The board shall
19 prepare detailed, written justification with supporting

1 documentation for contracts entered into under 62 Pa.C.S.
2 § 515 (relating to sole source procurement) or 516
3 (relating to emergency procurement). The justification
4 and supporting documentation shall be retained in
5 accordance with the Commonwealth's record retention
6 policy established by the Office of Administration.

7 (ii) The act of October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164),
8 known as the Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

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10 § 1202. General and specific powers.

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12 (b) Specific powers.--The board shall have the specific
13 power and duty:

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15 (4) To contract and execute instruments as necessary to
16 carry out the powers and duties of the board. Contracts for
17 the purchase of supplies, services and construction shall be
18 for a term not to exceed two years[.], and for any contract
19 renewed, a detailed, written justification for the renewal
20 shall be prepared. The justification and supporting
21 documentation shall be retained in accordance with the
22 Commonwealth's record retention policy established by the
23 Office of Administration.

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25 Section 2. Section 1202.2 of Title 4 is amended by adding a
26 subsection to read:

27 § 1202.2. Expenses of regulatory agencies.

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29 (c) Policy.--The board, in conjunction with the Office of
30 Attorney General and the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State

1 Police, shall establish a policy governing expense

2 documentation. The policy shall:

3 (1) Clearly define allowable expenses and specify
4 expenses for which reimbursement is prohibited, including,
5 but not limited to, expenses for gifts and items such as
6 candy and flowers.

7 (2) Include procedures that ensure that individuals
8 seeking reimbursement submit receipts as required.

9 (3) Require the submission of written justification that
10 documents the necessity for any travel expense for which
11 reimbursement is sought.

12 (4) Disallow reimbursement for a lodging expense that
13 exceeds standard State limits unless acceptable written
14 justification is provided.

15 Section 3. Section 1207 of Title 4 is amended by adding a
16 paragraph to read:

17 § 1207. Regulatory authority of board.

18 The board shall have the power and its duties shall be to:

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20 (15.1) Adopt a written procurement policy by official
21 action of the board at a public meeting of the board.

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23 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.