

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT, JANUARY 21, 2015

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156),
 2 entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensing of
 3 eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for the
 4 licensing of persons to distribute games of chance, for the
 5 registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for
 6 suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits;
 7 requiring records; providing for local referendum by
 8 electorate; and prescribing penalties," further providing for
 9 tavern games tax; providing for compulsive and problem
 10 gambling notice of availability of assistance; and imposing
 11 penalties.

12 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 13 hereby enacts as follows:

14 Section 1. Section 909.1(j) of the act of December 19, 1988
 15 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of
 16 Chance Act, added November 27, 2013 (P.L.1045, No.90), is
 17 amended and the section is amended by adding subsections to
 18 read:

19 Section 909.1. Tavern games tax.

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21 (j) Deposit.--[Beginning] Except as provided in subsections
 22 (k) and (l), beginning in fiscal year [2013-2014] 2015-2016, the

1 total amount of taxes imposed by this section shall be deposited
2 in the General Fund.

3 (k) Transfer for compulsive and problem gambling
4 treatment.--Beginning on the first business day of January 2016
5 and annually thereafter, the sum of \$300,000 or an amount equal
6 to .002 multiplied by the total amount of taxes imposed by this
7 section, whichever is greater, shall be transferred from the
8 General Fund to the Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment
9 Fund established under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1509(b) (relating to
10 compulsive and problem gambling program).

11 (l) Grants.--The money transferred to the Compulsive and
12 Problem Gambling Treatment Fund in accordance with subsection
13 (k) shall be used for grants to single county authorities
14 created pursuant to the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.221, No.63),
15 known as the Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act,
16 for the purpose of providing compulsive gambling and gambling
17 addiction prevention, treatment and education programs as
18 provided under 4 Pa.C.S. § 1509(d) and shall not be
19 appropriated, allocated, expended or otherwise used for any
20 other purpose whatsoever unless so authorized by the General
21 Assembly.

22 Section 2. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
23 Section 912.1. Compulsive and problem gambling notice of
24 availability of assistance.

25 (a) Notice.--Each tavern game licensee shall contact the
26 Department of Health to obtain a toll-free telephone number and
27 information from the Department of Health's Office of Compulsive
28 and Problem Gambling to be used to provide persons with
29 information on assistance for compulsive or problem gambling.
30 Each licensee shall conspicuously post at least five signs

1 similar to the following statement:

2 If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help
3 is available. Call (toll-free telephone number).

4 The signs shall be posted within 25 feet of each entrance and
5 exit, within 25 feet of each automated teller machine location
6 within the restaurant or tavern and in other appropriate areas
7 of the restaurant or tavern.

8 (b) Fine.--A licensee which fails to post or print the signs
9 in accordance with subsection (a) shall be assessed a fine of
10 \$100 per day for each day the minimum number of signs are not
11 posted or the required statement is not printed as provided in
12 subsection (a). The fines shall be distributed into the
13 Compulsive and Problem Gambling Treatment Fund established under
14 4 Pa.C.S. § 1509(b) (relating to compulsive and problem gambling
15 program).

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