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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania
2 Consolidated Statutes, in support matters generally,
3 providing for the definition of "licensed gaming entity" and
4 for the intercept of winnings on slot machines and table
5 games.

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

8 Section 1. Section 4302 of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:

10 § 4302. Definitions.

11 The following words and phrases when used in this chapter
12 shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
13 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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15 "Licensed gaming entity" or "slot machine licensee." The
16 term shall have the same meaning as given to it under 4 Pa.C.S.
17 § 1103 (relating to definitions).

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1 Section 2. Title 23 is amended by adding a section to read:
2 § 4310. Winnings intercept.

3 (a) General rule.--Winnings obtained from gambling on slot
4 machines or table games shall be applied to satisfy a winner's
5 delinquent support obligation.

6 (b) Duty of licensed gaming entity or slot machine
7 licensee.--In the case of any person winning more than \$1,200
8 from slot machine or table game winnings, before making any
9 monetary payment from those winnings, the licensed gaming entity
10 or slot machine licensee shall obtain the name, address and
11 Social Security number of the winner from Form W-2G, or a
12 substantially equivalent form filed with the United States
13 Internal Revenue Service, and shall request the department to
14 make all reasonable efforts to determine if the winner is a
15 delinquent support obligor. If the winner is determined to be a
16 delinquent support obligor, all of the following shall apply:

17 (1) The amount of any arrearages shall be deducted from
18 the amount of slot machine or table game winnings and paid to
19 the obligee in the manner provided for under this title for
20 the administration of support payments.

21 (2) The amount of any fee, calculated under subsection
22 (c) (6), shall be deducted from the winnings and distributed
23 according to this section.

24 (c) Duties of department.--The department shall do all of
25 the following:

26 (1) Cause a search to be made periodically of all of the
27 following:

28 (i) The department's records relative to the Title
29 IV-D program.

30 (ii) Any information received from county domestic

1 relations offices relative to arrearages of court-ordered
2 child support.

3 (iii) Any information received from states with
4 reciprocal enforcement of child support relative to
5 arrearages of court-ordered child support.

6 (2) Furnish the licensed gaming entity or slot machine
7 licensee with the following information:

8 (i) The department identifier.

9 (ii) The obligor's full name and Social Security
10 number.

11 (iii) The amount of the arrearage and the identifier
12 of the court order that underlies it.

13 (3) Request the licensed gaming entity or slot machine
14 licensee to withhold from the winner the amount of any
15 arrearage discovered under paragraph (1).

16 (4) Request the licensed gaming entity or slot machine
17 licensee to pay, in a lump sum or by installment, to the
18 State disbursement unit that portion of the slot machine or
19 table game winnings that satisfies the arrearage as follows:

20 (i) By deducting from the amount received, from the
21 licensed gaming entity or slot machine licensee, any
22 amount assigned to the State disbursement unit.

23 (ii) By paying to the State disbursement unit, for
24 distribution to the obligee of the child support court
25 order, the amount of slot machine or table game winnings
26 that satisfies the arrearage owed to the obligee.

27 (5) If the slot machine or table game winnings are
28 insufficient to satisfy the arrearages owed under the child
29 support court order, the department shall proceed as follows:

30 (i) The department may collect as provided by law.

1 (ii) The department may reinstate the procedures
2 set forth under this section if the obligor wins
3 subsequent slot or table game money.

4 (6) Determine and set a fee, if necessary, that reflects
5 the actual costs to the department and the licensed gaming
6 entity or slot machine licensee to administer this section.
7 The department shall request the licensed gaming entity or
8 slot machine licensee to deduct the fee set from the amount
9 to be paid to the winner after the winner's child support
10 obligation has been fully satisfied and shall divide the fee
11 set based on the administrative expenses incurred by the
12 department and the licensed gaming entity or slot machine
13 licensee.

14 (7) Within 30 days of the date the slot machine or table
15 game winnings were won, do all of the following:

16 (i) Award the winner the slot machine or table game
17 winnings in whole or in part.

18 (ii) If applicable, notify the winner that the
19 amount of slot machine or table game winnings or a
20 portion of the slot machine or table game winnings was
21 used to satisfy arrearages owed for court-ordered child
22 support.

23 (d) Notice.--The domestic relations section shall send a
24 one-time notice to all obligors of existing orders informing
25 them that arrearages may be intercepted as provided under this
26 section.

27 (e) Right to review.--A winner whose slot machine or table
28 game winnings are used to satisfy an obligation under this
29 section may appeal to the department in accordance with 2
30 Pa.C.S. (relating to administrative law and procedure). The

1 appeal shall be filed within 30 days after the winner is
2 notified by the department that the slot machine or table game
3 winnings have been reduced or totally withheld to satisfy
4 outstanding arrearages for child support and related
5 obligations.

6 (f) Rules and regulations.--The department shall promulgate
7 the rules and regulations necessary to carry out its
8 responsibilities under this section.

9 (g) Nonliability.--A licensed gaming entity or a slot
10 machine licensee that makes a payment to a winner in violation
11 of this section shall not be liable to the person to whom the
12 winner owes an outstanding debt.

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