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AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, IN SENATE, OCTOBER 17, 2018

## AN ACT

Amending the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), entitled, as amended, "An act providing for the licensing of eligible organizations to conduct games of chance, for the licensing of persons to distribute games of chance, for the registration of manufacturers of games of chance, and for suspensions and revocations of licenses and permits; requiring records; providing for local referendum by electorate; and prescribing penalties," in preliminary provisions, further providing for legislative intent and for definitions; in games of chance, further providing for PROHIBITION REGARDING POOLS, FOR prize limitsт AND FOR MAJOR <-LEAGUE SPORTS DRAWING, providing for airport 50/50 drawing and further providing for licensing of eligible organizations; in club licensees, further providing for club licensee and for distribution of proceeds; and, in enforcement, further providing for enforcement-; AND, IN TAVERN GAMING, FURTHER PROVIDING FOR LICENSES, FOR APPLICATION, FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FOR PROHIBITION.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
hereby enacts as follows:
Section 1. Section 102 of the act of December 19, 1988 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of

Chance Act, is amended to read:
Section 102. Legislative intent.

The General Assembly hereby declares that the playing of games of chance for the purpose of raising funds, by certain nonprofit associations, for the promotion of charitable or civic purposes, is in the public interest. In some cases, the proceeds from games of chance may be utilized to support certain operating expenses of certain organizations.

The General Assembly hereby declares that raising public funds from games of chance in licensed restaurants and protecting the competitiveness of these restaurants is also in the public interest.

The General Assembly hereby declares that raising funds from a 50/50 drawing conducted in airport systems, the net proceeds of which will be used for charitable purposes, is in the public interest.

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the General Assembly that all phases of licensing, operation and regulation of games of chance be strictly controlled, and that all laws and regulations with respect thereto as well as all gambling laws should be strictly construed and rigidly enforced.

The General Assembly recognizes the possibility of association between commercial gambling and organized crime, and wishes to prevent participation by organized crime and prevent the diversion of funds from the purposes herein authorized.

Section 2 . Seetion 103 of the act is amended by adding


SECTION 2. THE DEFINITIONS OF "AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION," "ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION," "MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS DRAWING" AND "MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS TEAM" IN SECTION 103 OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED AND THE SECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING DEFINITIONS TO READ:

Section 103. Definitions.
The following words and phrases when used in this act shall, except as provided under section 902, have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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"AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION." AN ORGANIZATION
ESTABLISHED BY OR AFFILIATED WITH [A MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL,
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE, NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION OR MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER TEAM] AN ATHLETIC TEAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY, WHICH IS QUALIFIED FOR AN EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 (PUBLIC LAW 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § $101(\mathrm{C})(3))$.
"Airport." A publicly owned commercial service airport that is designated by the Federal Government as an international airport.
"Airport 50/50 drawing." A 50/50 drawing that is conducted by an airport in accordance with section 304.2 .
"ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING." A 50/50 DRAWING THAT IS CONDUCTED <-BY AN AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 304.1.
"ATHLETIC TEAM." A SPORTS TEAM OR RACING FACILITY THAT IS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
(1) A MEMBER OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE, THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OR MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER.
(2) A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM AFFILIATED WITH A TEAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).
(3) ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM THAT HAS A SPORTS FACILITY OR AN AGREEMENT WITH A SPORTS FACILITY TO CONDUCT

HOME GAMES AT THE FACILITY.
(4) A STADIUM, GRANDSTAND OR BLEACHER AT A CLOSED-COURSE MOTOR FACILITY WHERE SPECTATORS DIRECTLY OBSERVE MOTOR RACES WITH NASCAR, INDY, STOCK OR DRAG RACING CARS.
(5) A COLLEGIATE TEAM THAT COMPETES ON BEHALF OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
"ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION." A CHARITABLE, RELIGIOUS, FRATERNAL OR VETERANS' ORGANIZATION, CLUB, CLUB LICENSEE OR CIVIC AND SERVICE ASSOCIATION OR AN AIRPORT. IN ORDER TO QUALIFY AS AN ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION FOR PURPOSES OF THIS ACT, AN ORGANIZATION SHALL HAVE BEEN IN EXISTENCE AND FULFILLING ITS PURPOSES FOR ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE DATE OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENSE. THE TERM SHALL INCLUDE AN AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION LICENSED UNDER SECTION 307.

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"INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION." ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
(1) A COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPERATING UNDER ARTICLE XIX-A OF THE ACT OF MARCH 10,1949 (P.L. 30 , NO.14), KNOWN AS THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CODE OF 1949.
(2) A UNIVERSITY WITHIN THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
(3) THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY.
(4) THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH.
(5) TEMPLE UNIVERSITY.
(6) LINCOLN UNIVERSITY.
(7) ANY OTHER INSTITUTION THAT IS DESIGNATED AS "STATE RELATED" BY THE COMMONWEALTH.
(8) ANY ACCREDITED PRIVATE OR INDEPENDENT COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY.
["MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS DRAWING." A 50/50 DRAWING CONDUCTED BY A NONPROFIT AFFILIATE OF A MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS TEAM IN

ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 304.1.
"MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS TEAM." A SPORTS TEAM OR RACING FACILITY
THAT IS ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:
(1) A MEMBER OF MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, THE NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE, THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION, THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OR MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER.
(2) A PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM AFFILIATED WITH A TEAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).
(3) ANY OTHER PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAM THAT HAS A SPORTS FACILITY OR AN AGREEMENT WITH A SPORTS FACILITY TO CONDUCT HOME GAMES AT THE FACILITY.
(4) A STADIUM, GRANDSTAND OR BLEACHER AT A CLOSED-COURSE MOTOR FACILITY WHERE SPECTATORS ARE DIRECTLY OBSERVING MOTOR RACES WITH NASCAR, INDY, STOCK OR DRAG RACING CARS.]

Section 3.
SECTIONS 301.1, 302 AND 304.1 OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ: SECTION 301.1. PROHIBITION REGARDING POOLS.

THE OPERATION OF A POOL MUST COMPLY WITH [THE PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR SPORTS PROTECTION ACT (PUBLIC LAW 102-559, 28 U.S.C. § 3701 ET SEQ.) OR OTHER] FEDERAL LAW IN THE OPERATION OF OR PARTICIPATION IN THE POOL. Section 302. Prize limits.
(a) Individual prize limit.--
(1) Except as provided under subsections (d) and (d.1), the maximum prize which may be awarded for any single chance shall be $\$ 2,000[$.$] other than a weekly drawing.$
weekly drawing shall be \$14,000.
[(b) Aggregate prize limit. --No more than $\$ 35,000$ in prizes shall be awarded from games of chance by a licensed eligible organization in any seven-day period.]
(c) Raffle prize limit.--Up to $\$ 15,000$ in prizes may be awarded in raffles in any calendar month.
[(c.1) Total limit.--All prizes awarded under this section shall be subject to the aggregate prize limits under subsection (b) .]
(d) Exception for raffles.--Notwithstanding subsection [(b) or] (c), a licensed eligible organization may conduct a raffle under section 308 and award a prize or prizes valued in excess of $\$ 3,000$ each only under the following conditions:
(1) The licensing authority has issued a special permit for the raffle under section 308.
(2) A licensed eligible organization shall be eligible to receive no more than ten special permits in any licensed term except that a volunteer fire, ambulance, rescue or conservation organization that is not a club licensee shall be eligible to receive 12 special permits in any licensed term.
(3) Only one raffle may be conducted under each special permit issued under section 308 .
(4) Except as provided under subsection (d.1), the total of all prizes awarded under this subsection shall be no more than $\$ 150,000$ per calendar year, which shall not be subject to the aggregate limit under subsection [(b) or] (c).
(d.1) Additional award.--A volunteer fire, ambulance, rescue or conservation organization may, in addition to the total under
subsection (d) (4), award up to $\$ 100,000$ from raffles which shall not be subject to the aggregate limit under subsection [(b), ] (c) or (d).
(f) Daily drawing carryover.--The prize limitation contained in [subsections] subsection (a) [and (b)] may be exceeded by a daily drawing under the following circumstances: a daily drawing may award a prize in excess of $\$ 2,000$ if such prize is the result of a carryover of a drawing which resulted from the winning number in such drawing not being among the eligible entrants in such drawings. Nothing contained herein shall authorize the prize limitation as contained in [subsections] subsection (a) [and (b)] to be exceeded as a result of a failure to conduct a drawing on an operating day during which chances were sold for a daily drawing or for a daily drawing for which chances were sold in excess of $\$ 1$ or for which more than one chance was sold to an eligible participant.
[(g) Additional exception.--When a daily drawing or weekly drawing is set up or conducted in such a manner as to pay out or award $100 \%$ of the gross revenues generated from such drawing, the limitation contained in subsection (b) shall not apply.]
(h) Weekly drawing carryover exception.--Weekly drawings shall be governed by the prize limitation contained in subsection [(b)] (a). The prize limitation contained in subsection [(b)] (a) may be exceeded by a weekly drawing under the following circumstances: a weekly drawing may award a prize where the cash value is in excess of $[\$ 35,000] \$ 14,000$ if such prize is the result of a carryover of a drawing or drawings which resulted from the winning number or numbers in such drawing or drawings not being among the eligible entrants in such drawings. Nothing contained in this chapter shall authorize
the prize limitation under subsection [(b)] (a) to be exceeded as a result of a failure to conduct a drawing for a week during which chances were sold for a weekly drawing or for a weekly drawing for which chances were sold in excess of $\$ 1$.
(i) Concurrent operation.--Nothing under this act shall prohibit the concurrent operation of daily or weekly drawings. SECTION 304.1. [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING.
(A) GENERAL RULE.--A PERSON MAY PURCHASE ONE OR MORE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TICKETS AT A HOME GAME OR <-TEAM EVENT, AND EACH TICKET PURCHASED SHALL REPRESENT ONE ENTRY IN THE DRAWING FOR A WINNER. A SINGLE TICKET SHALL BE RANDOMLY CHOSEN AS THE WINNER AFTER A CERTAIN NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE SOLD OR A SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD EXPIRES AS DESIGNATED BY THE AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION. PURCHASE OF ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TICKETS MAY BE MADE BY CASH, CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD.
(B) FREQUENCY.--AN AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY CONDUCT NO MORE THAN ONE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING PER HOME GAME OR TEAM EVENT.
(B.1) SALES RESTRICTED.--TICKETS FOR [A MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] AN ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING MAY NOT BE SOLD IN ANY SEATING AREA DESIGNATED AS A FAMILY SECTION.
(B.2) CHARITABLE EVENT.--[A MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] AN ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING MAY BE CONDUCTED BY THE AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION DURING A CHARITABLE EVENT HELD WITHIN THE SAME ARENA, STADIUM, GRANDSTAND, BLEACHERS OR OTHER FACILITY DURING A HOME GAME, TEAM EVENT OR CAR RACE OF THE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] <-ATHLETIC TEAM. DRAWINGS MAY ONLY BE HELD WITHIN SPECTATOR AREAS WITHIN THE ARENA, STADIUM, GRANDSTAND OR BLEACHERS WHERE THE HOME GAME, TEAM EVENT OR CAR RACE IS BEING CONDUCTED AND NOT AT <-ANCILLARY AREAS OR FACILITIES, INCLUDING PARKING AREAS,

RESTAURANTS AND BARS OR AREAS OUTSIDE THE ARENA, STADIUM, GRANDSTAND OR BLEACHERS OR AREAS WHERE THE SPORT IS SHOWN ON REMOTE ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.
(C) DISTRIBUTION.--THE PRIZE AMOUNT OF [A MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] AN ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING SHALL BE 50\% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TICKETS. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (C.1), THE OTHER 50\% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TICKETS SHALL BE DONATED WITHIN SEVEN DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE DRAWING BY THE AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING THE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TO ONE OR MORE DESIGNATED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS FOR WHICH THE DRAWING WAS CONDUCTED.
(C.1) USE OF FUNDS.--
(1) THE AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION MAY UTILIZE NONPRIZE MONEY COLLECTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:
(I) TO EMPLOY OR PROVIDE PAYMENT TO INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO SELL [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TICKETS [AT A PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENT].
(II) FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE CONDUCT OF THE ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING UNDER THIS SECTION.
(2) AUTHORIZED EXPENSES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) MAY NOT EXCEED 2\% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING TICKETS.
(D) DESIGNATED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.--THE AFFILIATED

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CONDUCTING THE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING SHALL DISCLOSE TO ALL TICKET PURCHASERS THE DESIGNATED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH THE [MAJOR

LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING IS BEING CONDUCTED.
(E) ELIGIBILITY.--IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PROCEEDS FROM [A MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] AN ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING, A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION MUST BE IN EXISTENCE AND FULFILLING ITS PURPOSES FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS PRIOR TO THE DRAWING AND SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXEMPTION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 (PUBLIC LAW 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § $501(\mathrm{C})(3))$. A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL NOT QUALIFY AS A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION UNDER THIS SECTION.
(F) UNCLAIMED PRIZES.--ANY [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING PRIZE REMAINING UNCLAIMED BY A WINNER AT THE END OF THE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC TEAM'S SEASON SHALL BE DONATED WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE END OF THE SEASON BY THE AFFILIATED NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO THE DESIGNATED CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION FOR WHICH THE [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING WAS CONDUCTED.
(G) APPLICABILITY.--THE LIMITATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 302, 303 (B), 308 AND 704 SHALL NOT APPLY TO [A MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] AN ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING.
(H) ADDITIONAL RECORDKEEPING.--THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL RECORDKEEPING OR ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR [MAJOR LEAGUE SPORTS] ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWINGS.
(I) MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL DEVICES.--AN ATHLETIC EVENT DRAWING MAY BE PLAYED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL DEVICE, NOTHING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED UNDER 4 PA.C.S. (RELATING TO AMUSEMENTS).
(J) DEFINITION.--AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "TEAM EVENT" MEANS A PRACTICE, SCRIMMAGE, EXHIBITION OR SIMILAR EVENT AT THE HOME STADIUM OR TRAINING CAMP FACILITY OF AN ATHLETIC
(d) (E) Designated charitable organization.--The identity of the designated charitable organization for which the airport 50/50 drawing is being conducted shall be disclosed to all ticket purchasers.
tet (F) Eligibility.--In order to receive proceeds from an <-airport 50/50 drawing, a charitable organization must be in existence and fulfill its purposes prior to the airport 50/50 drawing and shall be eligible for exemption under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (Public Law 99-514, 26 U.S.C. § $501(c)(3))$. A political subdivision, AIRPORT OR AIRPORT <-AUTHORITY shall not qualify as a charitable organization under this act, but an organization formed by a political subdivision that is eligible for exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall qualify as a charitable organization under this act.
(G) NOTIFICATION.--AN AIRPORT SHALL CONTACT A WINNER BASED <-ON THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (B).
(f) (H) Unclaimed prizes.--Any airport 50/50 drawing prize <-remaining unclaimed by a winner 180 days after the drawing shall be donated to the designated charitable organization for which the airport $50 / 50$ drawing was conducted.
(I) Applicability.--The limitations under sections 302, <-$303(b), 308$ and 704 shall not apply to an airport $50 / 50$ drawing.
(J) MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL DEVICES.--AN AIRPORT 50/50 <-DRAWING MAY BE PLAYED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A MECHANICAL OR ELECTRICAL DEVICE, NOTHING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO AUTHORIZE ANY OTHER FORM OF GAMBLING AUTHORIZED UNDER 4 PA.C.S. (RELATING TO AMUSEMENTS).
(h) (K) Additional recordkeeping.--The department may <-require additional recordkeeping or accountability measures for
airport 50/50 drawings.
(I) (L) RESTRICTION ON AIRPORTS.--NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER <--

PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, AN AIRPORT SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO
CONDUCT AIRPORT 50/50 DRAWINGS UNDER THIS SECTION AND NO OTHER GAMES OF CHANCE.

Section 5. Sections 307(d.1), 501(a)(1), 502(a.1)(1) <-702 (g), 903(B) AND (E) AND 904 of the act are amended to read: <-Section 307. Licensing of eligible organizations.
(d.1) Bank account and records.--An eligible organization with proceeds of games of chance that exceed [\$40,000] \$60,000 per year shall maintain a bank account, which shall be separate from all other funds belonging to the licensed eligible organization. Account records shall show all expenditures and income and shall be retained by the licensed eligible organization for at least two years.

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Section 501. Club licensee.
(a) Report.--
(1) [Beginning in 2014, a] A club licensee with proceeds <-in excess of $[\$ 20,000] \$ 30,000$ in a calendar year shall submit annual reports to the department for the preceding 12month period on a form and in a manner prescribed by the department.

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Section 502. Distribution of proceeds.

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(a.1) Amounts retained.--
(1) Notwithstanding subsection (a), if in a calendar year [beginning January 1, 2013,] the proceeds from a game of <--
chance for a club licensee are $[\$ 40,000] \$ 60,000$ or less, the licensee shall be eligible to retain the first $[\$ 20,000]$ $\$ 30,000$ in proceeds in the following calendar year before subsection (a) applies.

Section 702. Enforcement.
(g) [General rule] Violations of Liquor Code.--
(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a violation of this act by a club licensee shall not constitute a violation of the Liquor Code.
(2) If a club licensee has committed three or more violations of this act, the Bureau of Liquor Control Enforcement may enforce a violation of this act as a violation of the Liquor Code.
(3) A violation of this act shall not constitute a violation of the Liquor Code for the purposes of section $471(c)$ of the Liquor Code.
(4) A violation of section 304.1 or 304.2 shall not constitute a violation of the Liquor Code.

SECTION 903. LICENSES. <--
(B) INFORMATION.--THE APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) SHALL

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
(1) THE NAME, ADDRESS AND PHOTOGRAPH OF THE APPLICANT.
(2) A CURRENT TAX LIEN CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND A CERTIFICATE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY OF PAYMENT OF ALL WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION OWED.
(3) THE DETAILS OF ANY LICENSE ISSUED UNDER 4 PA.C.S.

PT. II (RELATING TO GAMING), THE ACT OF APRIL 12, 1951 (P.L.90, NO.21), KNOWN AS THE LIQUOR CODE, OR THIS ACT WHICH WAS APPLIED FOR OR IN WHICH THE APPLICANT OR OTHER OWNER HAS AN INTEREST.
(4) [CERTIFIED CONSENT BY THE APPLICANT, INCLUDING EACH OWNER AND OFFICER OF THE RESTAURANT LICENSEE, TO A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION BY THE BUREAU.] A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION REPORT ISSUED UNDER 18 PA.C.S. CH. 91 (RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION) OBTAINED FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE.
(5) RELATING TO CRIMINAL INFORMATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (4), DISCLOSURE OF ALL ARRESTS AND CITATIONS OF THE APPLICANT, INCLUDING NONTRAFFIC SUMMARY OFFENSES. THE INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
(I) A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE ARREST OR ISSUANCE OF THE CITATION.
(II) THE SPECIFIC OFFENSE CHARGED.
(III) THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGE, INCLUDING ANY DISMISSAL, PLEA BARGAIN, CONVICTION, SENTENCE, PARDON, EXPUNGEMENT OR ORDER OF ACCELERATED REHABILITATIVE DISPOSITION.
(6) FINANCIAL BACKGROUND AND INTERESTS AND TRANSACTIONS AS REQUIRED BY THE BUREAU.
(7) RELATING TO CITATIONS OF THE APPLICANT ISSUED UNDER THE LIQUOR CODE OR ANY OTHER DISCIPLINE OR PENALTY ADMINISTERED OR ISSUED BY A COMMONWEALTH AGENCY.
(8) RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF CONDITIONAL LICENSE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO UNDER THE LIQUOR CODE.
(9) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.
[(E) BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.--EACH APPLICANT SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH PERSONAL AND FINANCIAL SUITABILITY, HONESTY AND INTEGRITY. INFORMATION SHALL INCLUDE:
(1) CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORD INFORMATION.
(2) FINANCIAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION.
(3) REGULATORY HISTORY BEFORE THE BOARD OR OTHER COMMONWEALTH AGENCY.
(4) OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BUREAU.]

SECTION 904. APPLICATION.
(A) APPLICATION FEE.--AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY THE BOARD A NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE OF [\$1,000] \$500.
[(B) INVESTIGATIVE FEE.--AN APPLICANT SHALL PAY AN INVESTIGATIVE FEE OF \$1,000 TO THE BUREAU.] (RESERVED).
(C) [COSTS.--IN ADDITION TO THE FEE UNDER SUBSECTION (B), AN] INVESTIGATIVE COSTS.--AN APPLICANT AND ANY OWNER AND OFFICER OF THE APPLICANT SHALL PAY FOR THE [ACTUAL] REASONABLE AND NECESSARY COSTS OF A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE BUREAU [THAT EXCEED THE APPLICATION FEE]. THE BUREAU MAY:
(1) CHARGE AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.
(2) SUBMIT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE APPLICANT FOR THE

ADDITIONAL COSTS INCURRED IN THE BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION.
(D) FUNDS.--FUNDS COLLECTED UNDER [SUBSECTIONS (B) AND] SUBSECTION (C) SHALL AUGMENT THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA GAMING CONTROL BOARD UNDER 4 PA.C.S. (RELATING TO AMUSEMENTS).

SECTION 6. SECTION 913(C) AND (D) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED, SUBSECTION (F) IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH AND THE SECTION

IS AMENDED BY ADDING SUBSECTIONS:
SECTION 913. ENFORCEMENT.
(C) PENALTIES.--THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING:
(1) UP TO [\$2,000] \$800 FOR AN INITIAL VIOLATION.
(2) UP TO [\$3,000] $\$ 1,000$ FOR A SECOND VIOLATION.
(3) UP TO $[\$ 5,000] \$ 2,000$ FOR A THIRD VIOLATION.
(D) CRIMINAL PENALTY.--A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE A [MISDEMEANOR OF THE THIRD DEGREE] SUMMARY OFFENSE. A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE SHALL BE A MISDEMEANOR OF THE [SECOND] THIRD DEGREE.

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(F) SUSPENSION, REVOCATION OR FAILURE TO RENEW.--

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(3) A THIRD VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL RESULT IN A REVOCATION OF A LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER. A LICENSEE SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR OR BE AWARDED A LICENSE UNDER THIS CHAPTER FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS FOLLOWING A REVOCATION.
(G) LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS.--NOTHING UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO RESTRICT OR LIMIT THE POWER OF A STATE, COUNTY OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AND FILE CRIMINAL CHARGES UNDER THIS CHAPTER. (H) VIOLATIONS.--
(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2), A VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER BY A RESTAURANT LICENSEE SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THE LIQUOR CODE.
(2) IF A RESTAURANT LICENSEE HAS COMMITTED THREE OR MORE VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT IN A CALENDAR YEAR, THE BUREAU MAY LIQUOR CODE.

SECTION 7. SECTION 914(4) AND (7) OF THE ACT ARE AMENDED TO READ:

SECTION 914. PROHIBITIONS.
THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY TO ANY LICENSE AUTHORIZED OR ISSUED UNDER THIS CHAPTER:
(4) THE BOARD SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM ISSUING A LICENSE TO ANY PERSON WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY OFFENSE OR MISDEMEANOR GAMBLING OFFENSE IN [ANY JURISDICTION] THIS COMMONWEALTH UNLESS 15 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE.

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(7) IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR AN OWNER, OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF A LICENSEE TO SELL, OPERATE OR OTHERWISE PARTICIPATE IN THE CONDUCT OF TAVERN GAMES IF THE EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN [ANY JURISDICTION] THIS COMMONWEALTH OF A FELONY OR A MISDEMEANOR GAMBLING OFFENSE UNLESS 15 YEARS HAVE ELAPSED FROM THE DATE OF CONVICTION OF THE OFFENSE.

Section 6 8. Within two years of the effective date of this <-section, the Department of Revenue shall publish regulations to implement and administer the provisions of this act.

Section 7 9. This act shall take effect in 60 days. AS <-FOLLOWS:
(1) THE AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 307 (D.1), 501 (A) (1) ヶ AND 502 (A.1) (1) AND 702(G) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT JANUARY 1, 2019.
(2) THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY. DAYS.

