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REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, providing for entertainment machines.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Title 4 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes
6 is amended by adding a chapter to read:

7 CHAPTER 13B

8 ENTERTAINMENT MACHINES

9 § 13B01. Definitions.

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

13 "Amusement machine." A machine that requires the insertion
14 of a coin, currency or tokens to play or activate a game, the
15 outcome of which is primarily determined by the skill of the
16 player.

17 "Entertainment machine." An amusement machine, gaming

1 machine or video gaming machine.

2 "Certificate of registration." A form that certifies an
3 entertainment machine is registered with the department.

4 "Gaming machine." A device or machine that requires the
5 insertion of a coin, currency or tokens to play or activate a
6 game that has the outcome of play primarily determined by
7 chance. The term includes an antique slot machine under 18
8 Pa.C.S. § 5513(c) (relating to gambling devices, gambling, etc.)
9 when used for profit. The term shall not include any of the
10 following:

11 (1) A coin-operated amusement machine.

12 (2) A video lottery terminal that has all of its seals
13 or identification plates.

14 (3) Slot machines as defined under section 1103
15 (relating to definitions).

16 (4) A game of chance under the act of December 19, 1988
17 (P.L.1262, No.156), known as the Local Option Small Games of
18 Chance Act.

19 (5) Lottery terminals under the act of August 26, 1971
20 (P.L.351, No.91), known as the State Lottery Law.

21 "Licensed establishment." A restaurant, bar, tavern, hotel
22 or club that has a valid liquor or malt or brewed beverage
23 license under Article IV of the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L.90,
24 No.21), known as the Liquor Code.

25 "Video gaming machine." A device or machine that:

26 (1) upon insertion of a coin, currency or tokens will
27 play or simulate the play of a video poker, bingo, keno,
28 blackjack or any other game authorized by the department; and

29 (2) utilizes a video display and microprocessors.

30 § 13B02. Operation of entertainment machines.

An entertainment machine may not be operated in this Commonwealth at a licensed establishment unless it meets all of the following requirements:

(1) The licensed establishment submits an application to the department under section 13A02(a) (relating to regulatory authority).

(2) The entertainment machine is issued a valid certificate of registration under section 13A03(b) (relating to temporary table game regulations).

(3) A certification stamp is affixed to the entertainment machine under section 13A03.

§ 13B03. Operation of entertainment machines.

(a) Application.--

(1) A licensed establishment must submit an application to the department to operate an entertainment machine.

(2) The department shall develop guidelines on the manner of completing an application. If an application does not meet the department's guidelines, it may be rejected by the department.

(b) Issuance.--No later than 30 days from the date the department receives an application to operate an entertainment machine, the department shall:

(1) issue a certificate of registration to the applicant for the entertainment machine if the department accepts the application; or

(2) provide a notice of denial if the department denies the application.

(c) Certificate form.--A certificate of registration shall be in a form developed by the department and shall be available on the department's Internet website.

1 (d) Fee.--The application fee for a certificate of
2 registration may not exceed \$1,000.

3 (e) Expiration.--A certificate of registration shall expire
4 no later than one year from the date of issuance by the
5 department.

6 § 13B04. Certification stamp.

7 (a) Issuance.--The department shall issue a certification
8 stamp to a licensed establishment that holds a certificate of
9 registration issued under section 13A03(b) (relating to
10 temporary table game regulations).

11 (b) Expiration date.--The department shall include the
12 expiration date of the certificate of registration and any other
13 information as required by the department.

14 § 13B05. Regulations.

15 The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to
16 effectuate this chapter.

17 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.