THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY STACK, EICHELBERGER, FOLMER, TEPLITZ, SCHWANK, VULAKOVICH, TARTAGLIONE, WAUGH, VANCE, FARNESE, BREWSTER AND KASUNIC, APRIL 15, 2013

REFERRED TO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC AND RECREATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, APRIL 15, 2013

AN ACT

- Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in general provisions relating to gaming, further
- providing for definitions; and, in administration and
- enforcement, further providing for financial and employment
- 5 interests.
- 6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 7 hereby enacts as follows:
- 8 Section 1. Section 1103 of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania
- 9 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a definition to read:
- 10 § 1103. Definitions.
- 11 The following words and phrases when used in this part shall
- 12 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
- 13 context clearly indicates otherwise:
- 14 * * *
- 15 "Lobbyist." An individual, association, corporation,
- 16 partnership, business trust or other entity that engages in
- 17 <u>lobbying</u>, as defined under 65 Pa.C.S. § 13A03 (relating to
- 18 definitions), on behalf of a principal for economic

- 1 consideration and who is registered as a lobbyist under 65
- 2 Pa.C.S. § 13A04 (relating to registration). The term includes an
- 3 attorney at law while engaged in lobbying.
- 4 * * *
- 5 Section 2. Section 1512(a) and (a.4) of Title 4 are amended
- 6 to read:
- 7 § 1512. Financial and employment interests.
- 8 (a) Financial interests. -- Except as may be provided for the
- 9 judiciary by rule or order of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, an
- 10 executive-level public employee, public official, lobbyist,
- 11 licensed entity representative or party officer, or an immediate
- 12 family member thereof, shall not intentionally or knowingly hold
- 13 a financial interest in an applicant or a slot machine licensee,
- 14 manufacturer licensee, supplier licensee or licensed racing
- 15 entity, or in a holding company, affiliate, intermediary or
- 16 subsidiary thereof, while the individual is an executive-level
- 17 public employee, public official or party officer and for one
- 18 year following termination of the individual's status as an
- 19 executive-level public employee, public official or party
- 20 officer.
- 21 * * *
- 22 (a.4) Divestiture. -- An executive-level public employee,
- 23 public official, lobbyist, licensed entity representative or
- 24 party officer, or an immediate family member thereof, who holds
- 25 a financial interest prohibited by this section shall divest the
- 26 financial interest within three months of the effective date of
- 27 the restrictions set forth in subsection (a), as applicable.
- 28 Thereafter, any executive-level public employee, public
- 29 official, party officer, lobbyist, licensed entity
- 30 representative or immediate family member shall have 30 days

- 1 from the date the individual knew or had reason to know of the
- 2 violation or 30 days from the publication in the Pennsylvania
- 3 Bulletin under § 1202(b)(27) (relating to general and specific
- 4 powers) of the application or licensure of the executive-level
- 5 public employee, public official, party officer, lobbyist,
- 6 <u>licensed entity representative</u> or immediate family member,
- 7 whichever occurs earlier, to divest the financial interest. The
- 8 Ethics Commission may, for good cause, extend the time period
- 9 under this subsection.
- 10 * * *
- 11 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.