

SENATE BILL NO. 133

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 14:90.5(B) and R.S. 27:28(H)(1), relative to the Louisiana Gaming Control Board; to authorize certain emergency responders acting in their official capacity to enter certain gaming facilities; to provide relative to persons who have the ability or capacity to exercise significant influence over gaming licensees, operators, permittees, or other persons who are required to be found suitable; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 14:90.5(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§90.5. Unlawful playing of gaming devices by persons under the age of twenty-one; underage persons, penalty

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B. No person under the age of twenty-one, **except an emergency responder acting in his official capacity**, shall enter, or be permitted to enter, the designated gaming area of a riverboat, the official gaming establishment, or the designated slot machine gaming area of a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing licensed for operation and regulated under the applicable provisions of Chapters 4, 5, and 7 of Title 27 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950.

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Section 2. R.S. 27:28(H)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§28. Suitability standards

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H.(1)(**a**) Any person who has or controls directly or indirectly five percent or more ownership, income, or profit or economic interest in an entity which has or applies for a license or permit or enters into a casino operating contract with the state pursuant to the provisions of this Title, or who receives five percent or more revenue interest in the form of a commission, finder's fee, loan repayment, or any other

1 business expense related to the gaming operation, or who has the ability, ~~in the~~
 2 ~~opinion of the board,~~ **or capacity** to exercise a significant influence over a licensee,
 3 the casino gaming operator, a permittee, or other person required to be found suitable
 4 pursuant to the provisions of this Title, shall meet all suitability requirements and
 5 qualifications pursuant to the provisions of this Title.

6 **(b) In determining whether a person has significant influence for**
 7 **purposes of this Section, the board or division may consider but is not limited**
 8 **to the following: management and decision-making authority; operational**
 9 **control; financial relationship; receipt of gaming revenue or proceeds; financial**
 10 **indebtedness; and gaming related associations.**

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 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____