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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 4 (Amusements) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, in gaming, further providing for slot machine  
3 testing and certification standards and for table game and  
4 associated equipment testing and certification standards.

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

7 Section 1. Section 1320(a) of Title 4 of the Pennsylvania  
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by  
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 1320. Slot machine testing and certification standards.

11 (a) Use of other state standards.--Until such time as the  
12 board establishes an independent testing and certification  
13 facility pursuant to subsection (b), the board may determine, at  
14 its discretion, whether the slot machine testing and  
15 certification standards of another jurisdiction within the  
16 United States in which an applicant for a manufacturer license  
17 is licensed are comprehensive and thorough and provide similar  
18 adequate safeguards as those required by this part. If the board

1 makes that determination, it may permit a manufacturer through a  
2 licensed supplier as provided in section 1317 (relating to  
3 supplier and manufacturer licenses application) to deploy those  
4 slot machines which have met the slot machine testing and  
5 certification standards in such other jurisdictions without  
6 undergoing the full testing and certification process by a  
7 board-established independent facility. In the event slot  
8 machines of an applicant for a manufacturer license are licensed  
9 in such other jurisdiction, the board may determine to use an  
10 abbreviated process requiring only that information determined  
11 by the board to be necessary to consider the issuance of a slot  
12 machine certification to such an applicant.[ Alternatively, the  
13 board in its discretion may also rely upon the certification of  
14 a slot machine that has met the testing and certification  
15 standards of a board-approved private testing and certification  
16 facility until such time as the board establishes an independent  
17 testing and certification facility pursuant to subsection (b).]  
18 Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive any fees  
19 associated with obtaining a license through the normal  
20 application process.

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22 (b.1) Use of private testing and certification facilities.--  
23 If a slot machine is tested and certified by a private testing  
24 and certification facility registered with the board, the board  
25 shall use an abbreviated certification process requiring only  
26 that information determined by the board to be necessary to  
27 consider the issuance of a slot machine certification. Within  
28 one year following the effective date of this subsection, the  
29 board shall promulgate regulations that:

30 (1) Provide for the registration of private testing and

1 certification facilities, specify the form of the application  
2 required for such registration, establish fees required for  
3 the application and investigation of the applicant.

4 (2) Authorize the board to utilize information provided  
5 by private testing and certification facilities for the  
6 abbreviated certification of slot machines.

7 (3) Establish uniform procedures and standards which  
8 private testing and certification facilities must follow  
9 during the testing and certification of slot machines.

10 (4) Establish an abbreviated certification process for  
11 slot machines tested and certified by registered private  
12 testing and certification facilities and establish fees  
13 required for abbreviated certification.

14 (5) Require slot machines submitted for abbreviated  
15 certification to be approved or denied by the board within 30  
16 days from the date of submission. If the board fails to act  
17 within the 30-day period, the abbreviated certification shall  
18 be deemed approved.

19 (6) Provide standards and procedures for the revocation  
20 of the registration of a private testing and certification  
21 facility.

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23 Section 2. Section 13A41 of Title 4 is amended by adding a  
24 subsection to read:

25 § 13A41. Table game device and associated equipment testing and  
26 certification standards.

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28 (c) Use of private testing and certification facilities.--If  
29 a table game device or associated equipment is tested and  
30 certified by a private testing and certification facility

1 registered with the board, the board shall use an abbreviated  
2 certification process requiring only that information determined  
3 by the board to be necessary to consider the issuance of a table  
4 game device or associated equipment certification. Within one  
5 year following the effective date of this subsection, the board  
6 shall promulgate regulations that:

7       (1) Provide for the registration of private testing and  
8 certification facilities, specify the form of the application  
9 required for such registration, establish fees required for  
10 the application and investigation of the applicant.

11       (2) Authorize the board to utilize information provided  
12 by private testing and certification facilities for the  
13 abbreviated certification of table game devices and  
14 associated equipment.

15       (3) Establish uniform procedures and standards which  
16 private testing and certification facilities must follow  
17 during the testing and certification of table game devices  
18 and associated equipment.

19       (4) Establish an abbreviated certification process for  
20 table game devices and associated equipment tested and  
21 certified by registered private testing and certification  
22 facilities and establish fees required for abbreviated  
23 certification.

24       (5) Require table game devices and associated equipment  
25 submitted for abbreviated certification to be approved or  
26 denied by the board within 30 days from the date of  
27 submission. If the board fails to act within the 30-day  
28 period, the abbreviated certification shall be deemed  
29 approved.

30       (6) Provide standards and procedures for the revocation

1 of the registration of a private testing and certification  
2 facility.

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