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Senator Jim Lembke's Bill Supporting Casino Workers Signed Into Law

JEFFERSON CITY — State Sen. Jim Lembke, R-St. Louis, sponsor of [Senate Bill 984](#), announced today the governor signed the measure designed to make it easier for casino workers to serve patrons food or beverages on the casino floor.

Under current state law, it is a Class B misdemeanor for any gaming licensee to take tokens, chips or other forms of credit used in gambling games for anything of value other than as a wager on games or exchanged for money. Senate Bill 984 removes the misdemeanor charge and allows gaming enterprises and their employees to accept tokens for food, beverages, or tips.

“Currently, patrons of gaming facilities can’t simply purchase food or drinks on the casino floor with a token,” said Sen. Lembke. “The existing law is tied to the previous loss limit we had in Missouri. The loss limit is no longer law and we no longer need to track every cent a patron spends. Accepting tokens for food, beverages, and tips makes it easier for workers to serve patrons and for patrons to pay for refreshments.”

With the governor’s signature, the measure takes effect August 28, 2010.

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Senator Jim Lembke serves a portion of St. Louis County and St. Louis City in the Missouri Senate.