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Reported from the Committee on Miscellaneous Bills & Resolutions, April 21, 1998, with recommendation that the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 615 Do Pass.
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AN ACT

To repeal sections 313.805, 313.807, 313.812, 313.817, 313.822, 313.830, 572.010, 572.070 and 572.125, RSMo 1994, and section 313.842, RSMo Supp. 1997, relating to gambling, and to enact in lieu thereof eleven new sections relating to the same subject, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 313.805, 313.807, 313.812, 313.817, 313.822, 313.830, 572.010, 572.070 and 572.125, RSMo 1994, and section 313.842, RSMo Supp. 1997, are repealed and eleven new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 313.805, 313.807, 313.812, 313.817, 313.822, 313.830, 313.842, 572.010, 572.070, 572.125 and 1, to read as follows:

313.805. The commission shall have full jurisdiction over and shall supervise all gambling operations governed by sections 313.800 to 313.850. The commission shall have the following powers and shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement sections 313.800 to 313.850:

(1) To investigate applicants and determine the priority and eligibility of applicants for a license and to select among competing applicants for a license the applicant which best serves the interests of the citizens of Missouri;

(2) To license the operators of excursion gambling boats and operators of gambling games within such boats, to identify occupations within the excursion gambling boat operations which require licensing, and adopt standards for licensing the occupations including establishing fees for the occupational licenses and to license suppliers;

(3) To adopt standards under which all excursion gambling boat operations shall be held and standards for the facilities within which the gambling operations are to be held. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 311, RSMo, to the contrary, the commission may authorize the operation of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat which is also licensed to sell or serve alcoholic beverages, wine, or beer. The commission shall regulate the wagering structure for gambling excursions including providing a maximum loss of five hundred dollars per individual player per gambling excursion;

(4) To enter the premises of excursion gambling boats, facilities, or other places of business of a licensee within this state to determine compliance with sections 313.800 to 313.850;

(5) To investigate alleged violations of sections 313.800 to 313.850 or the commission

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

rules, orders, or final decisions;

(6) To assess any appropriate administrative penalty against a licensee, including, but not limited to, suspension, revocation, and penalties of an amount as determined by the commission up to three times the highest daily amount of **adjusted** gross receipts derived from wagering on the gambling games, whether unauthorized or authorized, conducted during the previous twelve months as well as confiscation and forfeiture of all gambling game equipment used in the conduct of unauthorized gambling games. Forfeitures under this section shall be enforced as provided [under] **pursuant to** sections 513.600 to 513.645, RSMo;

(7) To require a licensee, an employee of a licensee or holder of an occupational license to remove a person violating a provision of sections 313.800 to 313.850 or the commission rules, orders, or final orders, or other person deemed to be undesirable from the excursion gambling boat or adjacent facilities;

(8) To require the removal from the premises of a licensee, an employee of a licensee, or a holder of an occupational license for a violation of sections 313.800 to 313.850 or a commission rule or engaging in a fraudulent practice;

(9) To require all licensees to file all financial reports required by rules and regulations of the commission;

(10) To issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses and subpoenas duces tecum for the production of books, records, and other pertinent documents, and to administer oaths and affirmations to the witnesses, when, in the judgment of the commission, it is necessary to enforce sections 313.800 to 313.850 or the commission rules;

(11) To keep accurate and complete records of its proceedings and to certify the records as may be appropriate;

(12) To ensure that the gambling games are conducted fairly. No gambling device shall be set to pay out less than eighty percent of all wagers;

(13) To require all licensees of gambling game operations to use a cashless wagering system whereby all players' money is converted to **physical or electronic** tokens, electronic cards, or chips which only can be used for wagering on the excursion gambling boat;

(14) Determine which of the authorized gambling games will be permitted on any licensed excursion gambling boat;

(15) Excursion gambling boats shall cruise, unless the commission finds that the best interest of Missouri and the safety of the public indicate the need for continuous docking of the excursion gambling boat in any city or county authorized [under] **pursuant to** subsection 10 of section 313.812. The commission shall base its decision to allow continuously docked excursion gambling boats on any of the following criteria: the docking location or the excursion cruise could cause danger to the boat's passengers, violate federal law or the law of another state, or cause disruption of interstate commerce or possible interference with railway or barge transportation. In addition, the commission shall consider economic feasibility or impact that would benefit land-based development and permanent job creation. The commission shall not discriminate among applicants for continuous docking excursion gambling that are similarly situated with respect to the criteria set forth in this section;

(16) The commission shall render a finding concerning the possibility of continuous docking, as described in subdivision (15) of this section, within thirty days after a hearing on any request from an applicant or licensee. Such hearing may be held prior to any final action on licensing to assist an applicant and any city or county in the finalizing of their economic

development plan;

(17) To take any other action as may be reasonable or appropriate to enforce sections 313.800 to 313.850 and the commission rules.

313.807. 1. A person may apply to the commission for a license to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat or to operate an excursion gambling boat as provided in sections 313.800 to 313.850. The application for such licenses shall be filed with the commission and shall identify the excursion gambling boat upon which gambling games will be authorized, shall specify the exact location where the excursion gambling boat will be docked, shall specify the extent of the land-based economic development or impact and an affirmative action plan for ownership, contracting and recruiting, training and hiring of minorities and women in all employment classifications for that area, a lease with a home dock city or county, or in lieu thereof a resolution adopted by a city or county supporting or opposing the docking and land-based economic development or impact plan of the operator, and shall be in a form and contain information as the commission prescribes. If a city or county fails to pass a resolution, such action shall not adversely affect the application which shall be deemed complete. The applicant for such license shall file with the application a nonrefundable fee of fifty thousand dollars or fifteen thousand dollars for each person to be investigated, whichever amount is greater. The applicant shall be responsible for the total cost of the investigation. If the cost of the investigation exceeds the total amount of fees filed by the applicant in this subsection, the commission may assess additional fees as it deems appropriate; however, if the applicant is denied a license, the applicant shall be entitled to a refund of the difference between the application fee and the actual cost of the investigation. The [initial] license [and first subsequent license renewal] of an excursion gambling boat operator shall be for a period of [one year. Thereafter, license renewal periods shall be two years. However,] **no less than three years and no more than six years as set by the commission, and** the commission may reopen licensing hearings at any time. The annual fee for anyone licensed under this subsection shall be set by the commission at a minimum of twenty-five thousand dollars.

2. A person may apply to the commission for a license to conduct an occupation within excursion gambling boat operations which the commission has identified as requiring a license. The commission shall establish and charge holders of occupational licenses an annual license fee for each occupation in amounts determined appropriate by the commission and shall be charged each year the license is in effect. The commission shall set a nonrefundable filing fee to cover the cost of any investigation. Each applicant for a license under this subsection shall annually file for a license.

3. A supplier shall annually apply for a license. The application fee shall be a nonrefundable amount set by the commission to cover the cost of any investigation. The annual fee for such license shall be set by the commission. The commission shall set all standards for equipment and supplies.

4. A licensee licensed to conduct gambling games shall acquire all gambling games or implements of gambling from a licensed supplier **or from a person or entity approved by the commission**. A licensee shall not sell or give gambling games or implements of gambling to another licensee **without the commission's prior written approval**. Any licensed supplier shall have a registered agent within this state.

5. The commission may issue a limited license to operate an excursion gambling boat as defined [under] **pursuant to** subdivision (7) of section 313.800 at a dock other than its home

dock, if such city or county where such dock is located has approved gambling games on excursion gambling boats pursuant to subsection 10 of section 313.812.

313.812. 1. The commission may issue licenses pursuant to subsection 1 of section 313.807 when it is satisfied that the applicant has complied with all rules and regulations, including an update of all information provided to the commission in the licensee's initial application. The commission shall decide the number, location and type of excursion gambling boat in a city or county [under] **pursuant to** subsection 10 of this section. The license shall set forth the name of the licensee, the type of license granted, the place where the excursion gambling boat will operate and dock, including the docking of an excursion gambling boat which is continuously docked, and other information the commission deems appropriate. The commission shall have the ultimate responsibility of deciding the number, location, and type of excursion gambling boats licensed in a city or county; however, any city or county which has complied with the provisions of subsection 10 of this section shall submit to the commission a plan outlining the following:

- (1) The recommended number of licensed excursion gambling boats operating in such city or county;
- (2) The recommended licensee or licensees operating in such city or county;
- (3) The community's economic development or impact and affirmative action plan concerning minorities' and women's ownership, contracting and employment for the waterfront development;
- (4) The city or county proposed sharing of revenue with any other municipality;
- (5) Any other information such city or county deems necessary; and
- (6) Any other information the commission may determine is necessary.

The commission shall provide for due dates for receiving such plan from the city or county.

2. A license to operate an excursion gambling boat shall only be granted to an applicant upon the express conditions that:

- (1) The applicant shall not, by a lease, contract, understanding, or arrangement of any kind, grant, assign, or turn over to a person the operation of an excursion gambling boat licensed under this section or of the system of wagering described in section 313.817. This section does not prohibit a management contract with a person licensed by the commission; and

- (2) The applicant shall not in any manner permit a person other than the licensee and the management licensee to have a share, percentage, or proportion of the money received for admissions to the excursion gambling boat.

3. The commission shall require, as a condition of granting a license, that an applicant operate an excursion gambling boat which, as nearly as practicable, resembles or is a part of Missouri's or the home dock city's or county's riverboat history.

4. The commission shall encourage through its rules and regulations the use of Missouri resources, goods and services in the operation of any excursion gambling boat.

5. The excursion gambling boat **or associated facilities** shall provide for nongaming areas, food service and a Missouri theme gift shop. The amount of space used for gaming shall be determined in accordance with all rules and regulations of the commission and the United States Coast Guard safety regulations.

6. A license to operate gambling games or to operate an excursion gambling boat shall not be granted unless the applicant has, through clear and convincing evidence, demonstrated

financial responsibility sufficient to meet adequately the requirements of the proposed enterprise.

7. The applicant shall establish by clear and convincing evidence its fitness to be licensed if there is evidence that any of the following apply:

(1) The applicant has been suspended from operating an excursion gambling boat or a game of chance or gambling operation in another jurisdiction by a board or commission of that jurisdiction;

(2) The applicant is not the true owner of the enterprise proposed;

(3) The applicant is not the sole owner, and other persons have ownership in the enterprise, which fact has not been disclosed;

(4) The applicant is a corporation that is not publicly traded and ten percent or more of the stock of the corporation is subject to a contract or option to purchase at any time during the period for which the license is to be issued unless the contract or option was disclosed to the commission and the commission approved the sale or transfer during the period of the license;

(5) The applicant has knowingly made a false statement of a material fact to the commission; or

(6) The applicant has failed to meet a valid, bona fide monetary obligation in connection with an excursion gambling boat.

8. A license shall not be granted if the applicant has not established his good repute and moral character or if the applicant has pled guilty to, or has been convicted of, a felony. No licensee shall employ or contract with any person who has pled guilty to, or has been convicted of, a felony to perform any duties directly connected with the licensee's privileges under a license granted pursuant to this section, except that employees performing nongaming related occupations as determined by the commission shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

9. A licensee shall not lend to any person money or any other thing of value for the purpose of permitting that person to wager on any gambling game authorized by law. This does not prohibit credit card or debit card transactions or cashing of checks. Any check cashed must be deposited within twenty-four hours. The commission may require licensees to verify a sufficient account balance exists before cashing any check. Any licensee who violates the provisions of this subsection shall be subject to an administrative penalty of five thousand dollars for each violation. Such administrative penalties shall be assessed and collected by the commission.

10. Gambling excursions including the operation of gambling games on an excursion gambling boat which is not continuously docked shall be allowed only on the Mississippi River and the Missouri River. No license to conduct gambling games on an excursion gambling boat in a city or county shall be issued unless and until the qualified voters of the city or county approve such activities pursuant to this subsection. The question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city or county at a general, primary or special election upon the motion of the governing body of the city or county or upon the petition of fifteen percent of the qualified voters of the city or county determined on the basis of the number of votes cast for governor in the city or county at the last election held prior to the filing of the petition. The question shall be submitted in substantially the following form:

Shall the City (County) of allow the licensing of excursion gambling boats or floating facilities as now or hereafter provided by Missouri gaming law in the city (county)?

G YES

G NO

If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are in favor of the question, then the commission may license excursion gambling boats in that city or county and such boats may operate on the Mississippi River and the Missouri River. If a majority of the votes cast on the question by the qualified voters voting thereon are opposed to the question, then the commission shall not license such excursion gambling boats in such city or county unless and until the question is again submitted to and approved by a majority of the qualified voters of the city or county at a later election. Excursion gambling boats may only dock in a city or unincorporated area of a county which approves licensing of such excursion gambling boats pursuant to this subsection, but gambling operations may be conducted at any point on the Mississippi River or the Missouri River during an excursion. Those cities and counties which have approved by election pursuant to this subsection, except those cities or counties which have subsequently rejected by election, the licensing of any type of excursion gambling boats in the city or county prior to April 6, 1994, are exempt from any local election requirement of this section as such previous election shall have the same effect as if held after May 20, 1994.

11. If a docking fee is charged by a city or a county, a licensee operating an excursion gambling boat shall pay the docking fee prior to the start of the excursion season.

12. Any licensee shall not be delinquent in the payment of property taxes or other taxes or fees or in the payment of any other contractual obligation or debt due or owed to the state or a political subdivision of the state.

13. An excursion gambling boat licensed by the state shall meet all of the requirements of chapter 306, RSMo, and is subject to an inspection of its sanitary facilities to protect the environment and water quality by the commission or its designee before a license to operate an excursion gambling boat is issued by the commission. Licensed excursion gambling boats shall also be subject to such inspections during the period of the license as may be deemed necessary by the commission. The cost of such inspections shall be paid by the licensee.

14. A holder of any license shall be subject to imposition of penalties, suspension or revocation of such license, or other action for any act or failure to act by himself or his agents or employees, that is injurious to the public health, safety, morals, good order and general welfare of the people of the state of Missouri, or that would discredit or tend to discredit the Missouri gaming industry or the state of Missouri unless the licensee proves by clear and convincing evidence that it is not guilty of such action. The commission shall take appropriate action against any licensee who violates the law or the rules and regulations of the commission. Without limiting other provisions of this subsection, the following acts or omissions may be grounds for such discipline:

(1) Failing to comply with or make provision for compliance with sections 313.800 to 313.850, the rules and regulations of the commission or any federal, state or local law or regulation;

(2) Failing to comply with any rule, order or ruling of the commission or its agents pertaining to gaming;

(3) Receiving goods or services from a person or business entity who does not hold a supplier's license but who is required to hold such license by the provisions of sections 313.800 to 313.850 or the rules and regulations of the commission;

(4) Being suspended or ruled ineligible or having a license revoked or suspended in any state of gaming jurisdiction;

(5) Associating with, either socially or in business affairs, or employing persons of

notorious or unsavory reputation or who have extensive police records, or who have failed to cooperate with any officially constituted investigatory or administrative body and would adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming;

(6) Employing in any gambling games operation or any excursion gambling boat operation, any person known to have been found guilty of cheating or using any improper device in connection with any gambling game;

(7) Use of fraud, deception, misrepresentation or bribery in securing any permit or license issued pursuant to sections 313.800 to 313.850;

(8) Obtaining or attempting to obtain any fee, charge, or other compensation by fraud, deception, or misrepresentation;

(9) Incompetence, misconduct, gross negligence, fraud, misrepresentation or dishonesty in the performance of the functions or duties regulated by sections 313.800 to 313.850.

313.817. 1. Except as permitted in this section, the licensee licensed to operate gambling games shall permit no form of wagering on gambling games.

2. The licensee may receive wagers only from a person present on a licensed excursion gambling boat.

3. Wagering shall not be conducted with money or other negotiable currency. The licensee shall exchange the money of each wagerer for **electronic or physical** tokens, chips, or other forms of credit to be wagered on the gambling games. The licensee shall exchange the [gambling] tokens, chips, or other forms of wagering credit for money at the request of the wagerer.

4. A person under twenty-one years of age shall not make a wager on an excursion gambling boat and shall not be allowed in the area of the excursion boat where gambling is being conducted; provided that employees of the licensed operator of the excursion gambling boat who have attained eighteen years of age shall be permitted in the area in which gambling is being conducted when performing employment-related duties, except that no one under twenty-one years of age may be employed as a dealer or accept a wager on an excursion gambling boat. The governing body of a home dock city or county may restrict the age of entrance onto an excursion gambling boat by passage of a local ordinance.

5. A licensee shall only allow wagering and conduct gambling games at the times allowed by the commission.

313.822. A tax is imposed on the adjusted gross receipts received from gambling games authorized under sections 313.800 to 313.850 at the rate of twenty percent. The taxes imposed by this section shall be returned to the commission in accordance with the commission's rules and regulations who shall transfer such taxes to the director of revenue. All checks and drafts remitted for payment of these taxes and fees shall be made payable to the director of revenue. If the commission is not satisfied with the return or payment made by any licensee, it is hereby authorized and empowered to make an assessment of the amount due based upon any information within its possession or that shall come into its possession. Any licensee against whom an assessment is made by the commission may petition for a reassessment. The request for reassessment shall be made within [ten] **twenty** days from the date the assessment was mailed or delivered to the licensee, whichever is earlier. Whereupon the commission shall give notice of a hearing for reassessment and fix the date upon which the hearing shall be held. The assessment shall become final if a request for reassessment is not received by the commission within the [ten] **twenty** days. Except as provided in this section, on and after April 29, 1993, all functions

incident to the administration, collection, enforcement, and operation of the tax imposed by sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, shall be applicable to the taxes and fees imposed by this section.

(1) Each excursion gambling boat shall designate a city or county as its home dock. The home dock city or county may enter into agreements with other cities or counties authorized under subsection 10 of section 313.812 to share revenue obtained under this section. The home dock city or county shall receive ten percent of the adjusted gross receipts tax collections, as levied under this section, for use in providing services necessary for the safety of the public visiting an excursion gambling boat. Such home dock city or county shall annually submit to the commission a shared revenue agreement with any other city or county. All moneys owed the home dock city or county shall be deposited and distributed to such city or county in accordance with rules and regulations of the commission. All revenues provided for in this section to be transferred to the governing body of any city not within a county and any city with a population of over three hundred fifty thousand inhabitants shall not be considered state funds and shall be deposited in such city's general revenue fund to be expended as provided for in this section.

(2) The remaining amount of the adjusted gross receipts tax shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the "Gaming Proceeds for Education Fund" which is hereby created in the state treasury. Moneys deposited in this fund shall be considered the proceeds of excursion boat gambling and state funds pursuant to article IV, section 15 of the Missouri Constitution. All interest received on the gaming proceeds for education fund shall be credited to the gaming proceeds for education fund. Appropriation of the moneys deposited into the gaming proceeds for education fund shall be pursuant to state law.

313.830. 1. A person is guilty of a class D felony for any of the following:

(1) Operating a gambling excursion where wagering is used or to be used without a license issued by the commission;

(2) Operating a gambling excursion where wagering is permitted other than in the manner specified by section 313.817; or

(3) Acting, or employing a person to act, as a shill or decoy to encourage participation in a gambling game.

2. A person [permitting a person under the age of twenty-one years to make a wager is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.] **is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for any of the following:**

(1) Permitting a person under the age of twenty-one to make a wager while on an excursion gambling boat;

(2) Making or attempting to make a wager while on an excursion gambling boat when such person is under the age of twenty-one years; or

(3) Aiding a person who is under the age of twenty-one in entering an excursion gambling boat or in making an attempt to make a wager while on an excursion gambling boat.

3. A person wagering or accepting a wager at any location outside the excursion gambling boat is in violation of section 572.040, RSMo.

4. A person commits a class D felony and, in addition, shall be barred for life from excursion gambling boats under the jurisdiction of the commission, if the person:

(1) Offers, promises, or gives anything of value or benefit to a person who is connected with an excursion gambling boat operator including, but not limited to, an officer or employee of a licensee or holder of an occupational license pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or

with the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of the person to whom the offer, promise, or gift was made in order to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game, or to influence official action of a member of the commission;

(2) Solicits or knowingly accepts or receives a promise of anything of value or benefit while the person is connected with an excursion gambling boat including, but not limited to, an officer or employee of a licensee, or holder of an occupational license, pursuant to an understanding or arrangement or with the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of the person to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game, or to influence official action of a member of the commission;

(3) Uses a device to assist in any of the following:

(a) In projecting the outcome of the game;

(b) In keeping track of the cards played;

(c) In analyzing the probability of the occurrence of an event relating to the gambling game; or

(d) In analyzing the strategy for playing or betting to be used in the game, except as permitted by the commission;

(4) Cheats at a gambling game;

(5) Manufactures, sells, or distributes any cards, chips, dice, game or device which is intended to be used to violate any provision of sections 313.800 to 313.850;

(6) Instructs a person in cheating or in the use of a device for that purpose with the knowledge or intent that the information or use conveyed may be employed to violate any provision of sections 313.800 to 313.850;

(7) Alters or misrepresents the outcome of a gambling game on which wagers have been made after the outcome is made sure but before it is revealed to the players;

(8) Places a bet after acquiring knowledge, not available to all players, of the outcome of the gambling game which is the subject of the bet or to aid a person in acquiring the knowledge for the purpose of placing a bet contingent on that outcome;

(9) Claims, collects, or takes, or attempts to claim, collect, or take, money or anything of value in or from the gambling games, with intent to defraud, without having made a wager contingent on winning a gambling game, or claims, collects, or takes an amount of money or thing of value of greater value than the amount won;

(10) Knowingly entices or induces a person to go to any place where a gambling game is being conducted or operated in violation of the provisions of sections 313.800 to 313.850 with the intent that the other person plays or participates in that gambling game;

(11) Uses counterfeit chips or tokens in a gambling game;

(12) Knowingly uses, other than chips, tokens, coin, or other methods of credit approved by the commission, legal tender of the United States of America, or to use coin not of the denomination as the coin intended to be used in the gambling games;

(13) Has in the person's possession any device intended to be used to violate a provision of sections 313.800 to 313.850; or

(14) Has in the person's possession, except a gambling licensee or employee of a gambling licensee acting in furtherance of the employee's employment, any key or device designed for the purpose of opening, entering, or affecting the operation of a gambling game, drop box, or an electronic or mechanical device connected with the gambling game or for removing coins, tokens, chips or other contents of the gambling game.

5. The possession of one or more of the devices described in subdivision (3), (5), (13) or (14) of subsection 4 of this section permits a rebuttable inference that the possessor intended to use the devices for cheating.

6. Except for wagers on gambling games or exchanges for money as provided in section 313.817, a licensee who exchanges tokens, chips, or other forms of credit to be used on gambling games for anything of value commits a class B misdemeanor.

7. If the commission determines that reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of sections 313.800 to 313.850 has occurred or is occurring which is a criminal offense, the commission shall refer such matter to both the state attorney general and the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney having jurisdiction. The state attorney general and the prosecuting attorney or circuit attorney with such jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction to commence actions for violations of sections 313.800 to 313.850 where such violations have occurred.

8. Venue for all crimes committed on an excursion gambling boat shall be the jurisdiction of the home dock city or county or such county where a home dock city is located.

313.842. There [may] **shall** be established [an] outpatient [center] **centers** which shall provide services for compulsive gamblers and their families. As used in this section, "compulsive gambler" means a person who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble. **Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary**, such centers [may] **shall** be funded **by appropriation of the general assembly from the fund created in section 313.835 and** from the taxes collected and distributed to any city or county [under] **pursuant to** section [313.822] **313.820**. Such moneys shall be submitted to the state and credited to the "Compulsive Gamblers Fund", which is hereby established within the department of mental health. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, moneys in the fund at the end of any biennium shall not be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund. The department of mental health shall administer all programs, either directly or by contract, for compulsive gamblers.

572.010. As used in this chapter, **the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:**

(1) "Advance gambling activity", a person "advances gambling activity" if, acting other than as a player, he engages in conduct that materially aids any form of gambling activity. Conduct of this nature includes but is not limited to conduct directed toward the creation or establishment of the particular game, lottery, contest, scheme, device or activity involved, toward the acquisition or maintenance of premises, paraphernalia, equipment or apparatus therefor, toward the solicitation or inducement of persons to participate therein, toward the actual conduct of the playing phases thereof, toward the arrangement or communication of any of its financial or recording phases, or toward any other phase of its operation. A person advances gambling activity if, having substantial proprietary control or other authoritative control over premises being used with his knowledge for purposes of gambling activity, he permits that activity to occur or continue or makes no effort to prevent its occurrence or continuation. The supplying, servicing and operation of a licensed excursion gambling boat under sections 313.800 to 313.840, RSMo, does not constitute advancing gambling activity;

(2) "Bookmaking", [means] advancing gambling activity by unlawfully accepting bets from members of the public as a business, rather than in a casual or personal fashion, upon the outcomes of future contingent events;

(3) "Contest of chance" [means], any contest, game, gaming scheme or gaming device

in which the outcome depends in a material degree upon an element of chance, notwithstanding that the skill of the contestants may also be a factor therein;

(4) "Gambling", a person engages in "gambling" when he stakes or risks something of value upon the outcome of a contest of chance or a future contingent event not under his control or influence, upon an agreement or understanding that he will receive something of value in the event of a certain outcome. Gambling does not include bona fide business transactions valid under the law of contracts, including but not limited to contracts for the purchase or sale at a future date of securities or commodities, and agreements to compensate for loss caused by the happening of chance, including but not limited to contracts of indemnity or guaranty and life, health or accident insurance; [nor does gambling include playing an amusement device that confers only an immediate right of replay not exchangeable for something of value.] **nor does gambling include playing a game or an amusement device that confers only an immediate right of replay, noncash prizes, toys, novelties, coupons, or other representations of value which may be redeemed on the premises for something of value in the form of prizes, toys, or novelties, but shall specifically exclude cash, intoxicating beer or liquor, nonintoxicating beer or tobacco products. The something of value shall not thereafter be sold or transferred for cash or any other consideration.** Gambling does not include any licensed activity, or persons participating in such games which are covered by sections 313.800 to 313.840, RSMo;

(5) "Gambling device" [means], any device, machine, paraphernalia or equipment that is used or usable in the playing phases of any gambling activity, whether that activity consists of gambling between persons or gambling by a person with a machine. However, lottery tickets, policy slips and other items used in the playing phases of lottery and policy schemes are not gambling devices within this definition[;]. **The term gambling device does not include a game or an amusement device that confers only an immediate right of replay, noncash prizes, toys, novelties, coupons, or other representations of value which may be redeemed on the premises for something of value in the form of prizes, toys, or novelties, but shall specifically exclude cash, intoxicating beer or liquor, nonintoxicating beer or tobacco products. The something of value shall not thereafter be sold or transferred for cash or any other consideration. An amusement device shall not be identical in purpose to casino games which have the purpose of cash payout;**

(6) "Gambling record" [means], any article, instrument, record, receipt, ticket, certificate, token, slip or notation used or intended to be used in connection with unlawful gambling activity;

(7) "Lottery" or "policy" [means], an unlawful gambling scheme in which for a consideration the participants are given an opportunity to win something of value, the award of which is determined by chance;

(8) "Player" [means], a person who engages in any form of gambling solely as a contestant or bettor, without receiving or becoming entitled to receive any profit therefrom other than personal gambling winnings, and without otherwise rendering any material assistance to the establishment, conduct or operation of the particular gambling activity. A person who gambles at a social game of chance on equal terms with the other participants therein does not otherwise render material assistance to the establishment, conduct or operation thereof by performing, without fee or remuneration, acts directed toward the arrangement or facilitation of the game, such as inviting persons to play, permitting the use of premises therefor and supplying cards or other equipment used therein. A person who engages in "bookmaking" as defined in subdivision (2) of this section is not a "player";

(9) "Professional player" [means], a player who engages in gambling for a livelihood or who has derived at least twenty percent of his income in any one year within the past five years from acting solely as a player;

(10) "Profit from gambling activity", a person "profits from gambling activity" if, other than as a player, he accepts or receives money or other property pursuant to an agreement or understanding with any person whereby he participates or is to participate in the proceeds of gambling activity;

(11) "Slot machine" [means], a gambling device that as a result of the insertion of a coin or other object operates, either completely automatically or with the aid of some physical act by the player, in such a manner that, depending upon elements of chance, it may eject something of value. A device so constructed or readily adaptable or convertible to such use is no less a slot machine because it is not in working order or because some mechanical act of manipulation or repair is required to accomplish its adaptation, conversion or workability. Nor is it any less a slot machine because apart from its use or adaptability as such it may also sell or deliver something of value on a basis other than chance;

(12) "Something of value" [means], any money or property, any token, object or article exchangeable for money or property, or any form of credit or promise directly or indirectly contemplating transfer of money or property or of any interest therein or involving extension of a service, entertainment or a privilege of playing at a game or scheme without charge;

(13) "Unlawful" [means], not specifically authorized by law.

572.070. 1. A person commits the crime of possession of a gambling device if, with knowledge of the character thereof, he manufactures, sells, transports, places or possesses, or conducts or negotiates any transaction affecting or designed to affect ownership, custody or use of:

(1) A slot machine **other than a slot machine sold, purchased or otherwise acquired pursuant to section 572.125**; or

(2) Any other gambling device, knowing or having reason to believe that it is to be used in the state of Missouri in the advancement of unlawful gambling activity.

2. Possession of a gambling device is a class A misdemeanor.

572.125. 1. It shall be [an affirmative defense to any prosecution under this chapter relating to slot machines, if the defendant shows that the slot machine is an antique slot machine and was not operated for gambling purposes while in the defendant's possession. For the purposes of this section, an antique slot machine is one which is over thirty years old.] **lawful for any person to sell or to purchase or otherwise acquire any slot machine for operation at the residence of the owner if such slot machine is not operated for gambling purposes. Such ownership or operation of a slot machine shall not be the basis for prosecution for any gambling offense under this chapter.**

2. Notwithstanding section 572.120, [whenever the defense provided by subsection 1 of this section is offered,] no slot machine seized from any defendant shall be destroyed or otherwise altered until after a final court determination that such [defense is not applicable. If the defense is applicable, any such slot machine shall be returned pursuant to provisions of law providing for the return of property.] **machine was operated for gambling purposes.**

3. **Within ten days of the date of a sale of any slot machine as provided in this section, the seller, whether a commercial business or private individual, shall notify the Missouri gaming commission of the sale of the slot machine with the name and address of**

the purchaser and the serial number of the slot machine. Within thirty days of the purchase of such slot machine, the purchaser shall register such slot machine with the Missouri gaming commission and submit a ten-dollar registration fee. The Missouri gaming commission may adopt rules to administer the provisions of this section. Any person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a class B misdemeanor.

Section 1. The supervisor of liquor control shall not issue a violation for an act associated with an amusement device to any person licensed pursuant to this chapter, who possesses such an amusement device, unless:

(1) The supervisor has actual knowledge that such amusement device was used for the purpose of illegal gambling; and

(2) The licensee knowingly or purposefully participated in the act that constituted such illegal gambling.

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