

AN ACT

To amend section 3772.99 of the Revised Code to specify that the criminal penalty related to casino operators and employees participating in casino gaming applies at their casino facility or an affiliated casino facility.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That section 3772.99 of the Revised Code be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 3772.99. (A) The commission shall levy and collect penalties for noncriminal violations of this chapter. Noncriminal violations include using the term "casino" in any advertisement in regard to a facility operating video lottery terminals, as defined in section 3770.21 of the Revised Code, in this state. Moneys collected from such penalty levies shall be credited to the general revenue fund.

(B) If a licensed casino operator, management company, holding company, gaming-related vendor, or key employee violates this chapter or engages in a fraudulent act, the commission may suspend or revoke the license and may do either or both of the following:

- (1) Suspend, revoke, or restrict the casino gaming operations of a casino operator;
- (2) Require the removal of a management company, key employee, or discontinuance of services from a gaming-related vendor.

(C) The commission shall impose civil penalties against a person who violates this chapter under the penalties adopted by commission rule and reviewed by the joint committee on gaming and wagering.

(D) A person who purposely or knowingly does any of the following commits a misdemeanor of the first degree on the first offense and a felony of the fifth degree for a subsequent offense:

- (1) Makes a false statement on an application submitted under this chapter;
- (2) Permits a person less than twenty-one years of age to make a wager at a casino facility;
- (3) Aids, induces, or causes a person less than twenty-one years of age who is not an employee of the casino gaming operation to enter or attempt to enter a casino facility;
- (4) Enters or attempts to enter a casino facility while under twenty-one years of age, unless the person enters a designated area as described in section 3772.24 of the Revised Code;

(5) Is a casino operator or employee and participates in casino gaming at the casino facility at which the casino operator or employee has an interest or is employed or at an affiliated casino facility in this state other than as part of operation or employment.

(E) A person who purposely or knowingly does any of the following commits a felony of the fifth degree on a first offense and a felony of the fourth degree for a subsequent offense. If the person is a licensee under this chapter, the commission shall revoke the person's license after the first offense.

- (1) Uses or possesses with the intent to use a device to assist in projecting the outcome of the

casino game, keeping track of the cards played, analyzing the probability of the occurrence of an event relating to the casino game, or analyzing the strategy for playing or betting to be used in the casino game, except as permitted by the commission;

(2) Cheats at a casino game;

(3) Manufactures, sells, or distributes any cards, chips, dice, game, or device that is intended to be used to violate this chapter;

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

(5) Places, increases, or decreases a wager on the outcome of a casino game after acquiring knowledge that is not available to all players and concerns the outcome of the casino game that is the subject of the wager;

(6) Aids a person in acquiring the knowledge described in division (E)(5) of this section for the purpose of placing, increasing, or decreasing a wager contingent on the outcome of a casino game;

(7) Claims, collects, takes, or attempts to claim, collect, or take money or anything of value in or from a casino game with the intent to defraud or without having made a wager contingent on winning a casino game;

(8) Claims, collects, or takes an amount of money or thing of value of greater value than the amount won in a casino game;

(9) Uses or possesses counterfeit chips, tokens, or cashless wagering instruments in or for use in a casino game;

(10) Possesses a key or device designed for opening, entering, or affecting the operation of a casino game, drop box, or an electronic or a mechanical device connected with the casino game or removing coins, tokens, chips, or other contents of a casino game. This division does not apply to a casino operator, management company, or gaming-related vendor or their agents and employees in the course of agency or employment.

(11) Possesses materials used to manufacture a device intended to be used in a manner that violates this chapter;

(12) Operates a casino gaming operation in which wagering is conducted or is to be conducted in a manner other than the manner required under this chapter or a skill-based amusement machine operation in a manner other than the manner required under Chapter 2915. of the Revised Code.

(F) The possession of more than one of the devices described in division (E)(9), (10), or (11) of this section creates a rebuttable presumption that the possessor intended to use the devices for cheating.

(G) A person who purposely or knowingly does any of the following commits a felony of the third degree. If the person is a licensee under this chapter, the commission shall revoke the person's license after the first offense. A public servant or party official who is convicted under this division is forever disqualified from holding any public office, employment, or position of trust in this state.

(1) Offers, promises, or gives anything of value or benefit to a person who is connected with the casino operator, management company, holding company, or gaming-related vendor, including their officers and employees, under an agreement to influence or with the intent to 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 casino game or an official action of a commission member, agent, or employee;

(2) Solicits, accepts, or receives a promise of anything of value or benefit while the person is connected with a casino, including an officer or employee of a casino operator, management company, or gaming-related vendor, under an agreement to influence or with the intent to influence the actions of the person to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of a casino game or an official action of a commission member, agent, or employee;

(H) A person who knowingly or intentionally does any of the following while participating in casino gaming or otherwise transacting with a casino facility as permitted by Chapter 3772. of the Revised Code commits a felony of the fifth degree on a first offense and a felony of the fourth degree for a subsequent offense:

(1) Causes or attempts to cause a casino facility to fail to file a report required under 31 U.S.C. 5313(a) or 5325 or any regulation prescribed thereunder or section 1315.53 of the Revised Code, or to fail to file a report or maintain a record required by an order issued under section 21 of the "Federal Deposit Insurance Act" or section 123 of Pub. L. No. 91-508;

(2) Causes or attempts to cause a casino facility to file a report required under 31 U.S.C. 5313(a) or 5325 or any regulation prescribed thereunder or section 1315.53 of the Revised Code, to file a report or to maintain a record required by any order issued under 31 U.S.C. 5326, or to maintain a record required under any regulation prescribed under section 21 of the "Federal Deposit Insurance Act" or section 123 of Pub. L. No. 91-508 that contains a material omission or misstatement of fact;

(3) With one or more casino facilities, structures a transaction, is complicit in structuring a transaction, attempts to structure a transaction, or is complicit in an attempt to structure a transaction.

(I) A person who is convicted of a felony described in this chapter may be barred for life from entering a casino facility by the commission.

(J) As used in division (H) of this section:

(1) To be "complicit" means to engage in any conduct of a type described in divisions (A)(1) to (4) of section 2923.03 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Structure a transaction" has the same meaning as in section 1315.51 of the Revised Code.

(K) Premises used or occupied in violation of division (E)(12) of this section constitute a nuisance subject to abatement under Chapter 3767. of the Revised Code.

SECTION 2. That existing section 3772.99 of the Revised Code is hereby repealed.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

Filed in the office of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio, on the ____ day of _____, A. D. 20 ____.

Secretary of State.

File No. _____ Effective Date _____