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# HOUSE BILL No. 1038

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## DIGEST OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Public question. Requires the placement of a public question concerning casino gambling on the 2026 general election ballot in Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, and Wayne County. (The bill currently allows the placement of a public question.)

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning gaming.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 4-33-2-17, AS AMENDED BY P.L.293-2019,
- 2 SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 17. "Riverboat" means any of the following
- 4 on which lawful gambling is authorized under this article:
- 5 (1) A self-propelled excursion boat that complies with
- 6 IC 4-33-6-6(a) and is located in a county that is contiguous to
- 7 Lake Michigan or the Ohio River.
- 8 (2) A casino located in a historic hotel district.
- 9 (3) A permanently moored craft operating from a county
- 10 described in subdivision (1).
- 11 (4) An inland casino operating under IC 4-33-6-24.
- 12 (5) A casino operated in Gary under IC 4-33-6-4.5.
- 13 (6) A casino operated in Vigo County under IC 4-33-6.7.
- 14 **(7) A casino operated in Allen County, DeKalb County,**
- 15 **Steuben County, or Wayne County under IC 4-33-6.8.**
- 16 SECTION 2. IC 4-33-6-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.293-2019,
- 17 SECTION 10, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 18 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1. (a) The commission may issue to a person
- 19 a license to own a riverboat subject to the numerical and geographical

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1 limitation of owner's licenses under this section and IC 4-33-4-17. Not  
 2 more than ten (10) owner's licenses may be in effect at any time.  
 3 Subject to subsection (d), those owner's licenses may be issued as  
 4 follows:

5 (1) Not more than two (2) licenses for not more than two (2)  
 6 riverboats that operate in or from the city of Gary.

7 (2) One (1) license for a riverboat that operates from the city of  
 8 Hammond.

9 (3) One (1) license for a riverboat that operates from the city of  
 10 East Chicago.

11 (4) One (1) license for a city located in a county contiguous to  
 12 Lake Michigan. However, this license may not be issued to a city  
 13 described in subdivisions (1) through (3).

14 (5) **Not more than** a total of five (5) licenses for riverboats that  
 15 operate upon the Ohio River from the following counties:

16 (A) Vanderburgh County.

17 (B) Harrison County.

18 (C) Switzerland County.

19 (D) Ohio County.

20 (E) Dearborn County.

21 The commission may not issue a license to an applicant if the  
 22 issuance of the license would result in more than one (1)  
 23 riverboat operating from a county described in this subdivision.

24 (6) Not more than one (1) license for a riverboat that operates as  
 25 an inland casino in Vigo County under IC 4-33-6.7.

26 (7) **Not more than one (1) license for a riverboat that**  
 27 **operates as an inland casino in Allen County, DeKalb**  
 28 **County, Steuben County, or Wayne County under**  
 29 **IC 4-33-6.8.**

30 (b) In addition to its power to issue owner's licenses under  
 31 subsection (a), the commission may also enter into a contract under  
 32 IC 4-33-6.5 with respect to the operation of one (1) riverboat on behalf  
 33 of the commission in a historic hotel district.

34 (c) **Except as provided in IC 4-33-6.8**, a person holding an  
 35 owner's license may not move the person's riverboat from the county in  
 36 which the riverboat was docked on January 1, 2007, to any other  
 37 county.

38 (d) The following apply to the allocation and issuance of owner's  
 39 licenses under subsection (a):

40 (1) A licensed owner holding two licenses issued under  
 41 subsection (a)(1) must relinquish one (1) of the licenses under  
 42 section 4.5 of this chapter upon the commission's approval of the

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- 1 licensed owner's request to relocate gaming operations under  
 2 section 4.5 of this chapter.
- 3 (2) An owner's license relinquished under subdivision (1) and  
 4 section 4.5 of this chapter may not be reissued with respect to  
 5 gaming operations in Gary.
- 6 (3) The licensed owner who relinquishes a license under  
 7 subdivision (1) and section 4.5 of this chapter may operate two  
 8 (2) docked riverboats under a single license unless and until the  
 9 licensed owner begins gaming operations at a relocated inland  
 10 casino under section 4.5 of this chapter.
- 11 (4) If an owner's license is relinquished under subdivision (1)  
 12 and section 4.5 of this chapter, an owner's license may be issued  
 13 to authorize gaming operations in Vigo County in accordance  
 14 with subsection (a)(6) and the procedures set forth in  
 15 IC 4-33-6.7.
- 16 **(5) If the commission approves an application of a licensed  
 17 owner or permit holder to relocate gaming operations from  
 18 Ohio County under IC 4-33-6.8, a new owner's license may  
 19 not be issued to authorize gaming operations in Ohio County  
 20 after gaming operations are relocated to Allen County,  
 21 DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County.**
- 22 SECTION 3. IC 4-33-6-4.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
 23 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 24 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 4.8. (a) This section applies to the licensed  
 25 owner of an inland casino operated in Allen County, DeKalb  
 26 County, Steuben County, or Wayne County under IC 4-33-6.8.**
- 27 **(b) A licensed owner described in subsection (a) shall enter  
 28 into a development agreement (as defined in IC 4-33-23-2) with the  
 29 county in which the casino conducts gaming operations.**
- 30 SECTION 4. IC 4-33-6-19.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 31 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
 32 [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 19.5. (a) ~~<Not later than June~~  
 33 ~~1, 2026, >~~ [T]he legislative body of Allen County, DeKalb County,  
 34 Steuben County, ~~<or>~~ [and] Wayne County ~~<may adopt a  
 35 resolution stating that the legislative body wishes to seek approval  
 36 from the voters of the county to permit inland casino gambling in  
 37 the county.~~**
- 38 ~~—(b) A county legislative body that adopts a resolution under  
 39 this subsection>~~ shall certify the following public question to the  
 40 county election board under IC 3-10-9-3 not later than noon  
 41 August 1, 2026, for placement on the 2026 general election ballot:  
 42 "Shall inland casino gambling be permitted in (insert the

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- 1           **name of the county)?"**.
- 2           **(~~c~~ [b]) The public question shall be placed on the ballot as**
- 3           **provided in IC 3-10-9.**
- 4           **(~~d~~ [c]) Each registered voter of the county is entitled to vote**
- 5           **on the public question.**
- 6           **(~~e~~ [d]) The circuit court clerk shall certify the results of the**
- 7           **public question under IC 3-12-4-9 to the commission.**
- 8           SECTION 5. IC 4-33-6-24, AS AMENDED BY P.L.293-2019,
- 9           SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 10          UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 24. (a) This section does not apply to:
- 11           (1) gaming operations relocated under section 4.5 of this
- 12           chapter; or
- 13           (2) an inland casino operated in:
- 14                 (A) Vigo County under IC 4-33-6.7; or
- 15                 (B) Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or
- 16                 Wayne County under IC 4-33-6.8.
- 17          (b) For purposes of this section, property is considered to be
- 18          adjacent to a riverboat dock site even if it is separated from the dock
- 19          site by public rights-of-way or railroad rights-of-way.
- 20          (c) A licensed owner may relocate the licensed owner's gaming
- 21          operation from a docked riverboat to an inland casino if the following
- 22          conditions are met:
- 23                 (1) Except as provided in subsection (d), the casino is located on
- 24                 property that the licensed owner owned or leased and used in the
- 25                 conduct of the licensed owner's gaming operations on February
- 26                 1, 2015.
- 27                 (2) The casino is located on property adjacent to the dock site of
- 28                 the licensed owner's riverboat.
- 29                 (3) The casino complies with all applicable building codes and
- 30                 any safety requirements imposed by the commission.
- 31                 (4) The commission approves the relocation of the licensed
- 32                 owner's gaming operation.
- 33          (d) This subsection applies to a licensed owner that owns or leases
- 34          property that is considered adjacent to a riverboat dock site under
- 35          subsection (b). The licensed owner may:
- 36                 (1) acquire part of the public rights-of-way or railroad
- 37                 rights-of-way to form a contiguous parcel with the property
- 38                 owned or leased by the licensed owner on February 1, 2015; and
- 39                 (2) subject to the other requirements of this section, situate an
- 40                 inland casino on the contiguous parcel formed under subdivision
- 41                 (1).
- 42          (e) The commission may impose any requirement upon a licensed

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1 owner relocating gaming operations under this section.

2 (f) The number of gambling games offered by a licensed owner in  
3 an inland facility operated under this section may not exceed the  
4 greatest number of gambling games offered by the licensed owner in  
5 the licensed owner's docked riverboat since January 1, 2007.

6 SECTION 6. IC 4-33-6-25, AS AMENDED BY P.L.293-2019,  
7 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
8 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 25. (a) This section does not apply to a  
9 riverboat gaming operation relocated under section 24 of this chapter.

10 (b) Except as provided in subsections (c) and (d), the number of  
11 gambling games offered by a licensed owner or operating agent within  
12 the riverboat operated by the licensed owner or operating agent may  
13 not exceed the greatest number of gambling games offered by the  
14 licensed owner or operating agent since January 1, 2007.

15 (c) The number of gambling games offered by a licensed owner  
16 operating under a license described in section 1(a)(1) of this chapter  
17 may not exceed two thousand seven hundred sixty-four (2,764).

18 (d) The number of gambling games offered by a licensed owner of  
19 an inland casino operated in Vigo County under IC 4-33-6.7 may not  
20 exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500).

21 **(e) The number of gambling games offered by a licensed owner**  
22 **of an inland casino operated in Allen County, DeKalb County,**  
23 **Steuben County, or Wayne County under IC 4-33-6.8 may not**  
24 **exceed one thousand five hundred (1,500).**

25 SECTION 7. IC 4-33-6.8 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
26 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 UPON PASSAGE]:

28 **Chapter 6.8. Relocation of Casino Operations**

29 **Sec. 1. For purposes of this chapter, "Ohio County license"**  
30 **means an owner's license for a riverboat operated from Ohio**  
31 **County.**

32 **Sec. 2. For purposes of this chapter, "permit holder" has the**  
33 **meaning set forth in IC 4-31-2.1-27.**

34 **Sec. 3. The commission may authorize in the manner required**  
35 **by this chapter the relocation of the Ohio County license to an**  
36 **inland casino in Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or**  
37 **Wayne County.**

38 **Sec. 4. (a) A licensed owner or permit holder may apply to own**  
39 **and operate the Ohio County license by submitting the following**  
40 **to the commission not later than December 1, 2026:**

41 **(1) A written application that contains the following**  
42 **information:**

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**(A) The county in which the applicant is proposing to operate an inland casino. For purposes of this clause, the application must select Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County.**

**(B) Documented and verifiable information describing the following:**

- (i) The proposed site of the inland casino.**
- (ii) Evidence of site control or real estate options.**
- (iii) Conceptual plans for casino and nongaming facilities.**
- (iv) Estimated construction and total development costs.**
- (v) A phased investment and construction timeline.**
- (vi) Market and feasibility information.**
- (vii) The financial capacity of the applicant.**

**(C) The applicant's commitment and plan to invest at least five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) for the development of a casino and nongaming amenities onsite in the county selected under clause (A) in the following manner:**

- (i) At least sixty percent (60%) of the amount invested in the initial phase of development.**
- (ii) The remaining amount invested, and the relocation and development of the casino and nongaming amenities completed, not later than five (5) years after gaming operations begin at the relocated casino under this chapter.**

**(D) Any other information requested by the commission.**

**(2) The local government support documents required under section 5(a) of this chapter.**

**(b) An application submitted under subsection (a) may include financial commitments to the horse racing industry.**

**(c) The commission must begin accepting applications under subsection (a) not later than October 1, 2026.**

**(d) For purposes of subsection (a), the commission may not accept:**

- (1) an application from a person that is not a licensed owner or permit holder;**
- (2) subject to section 7 of this chapter, more than one (1) application from a licensed owner or permit holder;**
- (3) an application that proposes to operate an inland casino in a county other than Allen County, DeKalb County,**

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1           Steuben County, or Wayne County; or  
 2           (4) an application that does not include the information and  
 3           documents required under subsection (a).

4           **Sec. 5. (a) An applicant must submit the following with an**  
 5           **application under section 4 of this chapter:**

6           (1) A copy of a resolution adopted by a majority of the board  
 7           of county commissioners of the county selected by the  
 8           applicant under section 4(a)(1)(A) of this chapter that  
 9           supports:

10           (A) the applicant's proposed relocation; or  
 11           (B) the relocation of the Ohio County license to an  
 12           inland casino in the county without identifying a specific  
 13           applicant.

14           (2) If the proposed casino will be located within a  
 15           municipality, a letter of support for the proposed relocation  
 16           signed by the mayor of the municipality.

17           (b) Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, a unit (as  
 18           defined in IC 36-1-2-23) may:

19           (1) privately negotiate with an applicant before an  
 20           application is submitted; and

21           (2) support or decline to support specific applicants in a  
 22           letter or resolution under subsection (a).

23           **Sec. 6. (a) Following the submission of applications under**  
 24           **section 4 of this chapter, the commission shall review the filed**  
 25           **applications in the manner required by subsections (c) and (e). Not**  
 26           **later than January 15, 2027, the commission shall:**

27           (1) make the filed applications available to the public; and

28           (2) prepare an informational summary of the filed  
 29           applications and make the summary available to the public.

30           The commission may redact information that it determines to be  
 31           confidential in the applications or informational summary made  
 32           available to the public.

33           (b) The commission may hire independent consultants or  
 34           experts to assist with evaluating applications.

35           (c) Subject to subsection (d), the commission must decide  
 36           whether to approve or deny an application submitted under section  
 37           4 of this chapter based on documented and verifiable information,  
 38           including the following:

39           (1) The net economic benefit to the state.

40           (2) Increased state and local tax revenue.

41           (3) The number and quality of jobs created.

42           (4) The amount of capital investment planned by the

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- 1 applicant under section 4(a)(1)(C) of this chapter.  
 2 (5) The quality and durability of proposed facilities.  
 3 (6) The financial stability of the applicant.  
 4 (7) Site feasibility and infrastructure readiness.  
 5 (8) Market sustainability.  
 6 (9) The impact on other Indiana casinos and the horse racing  
 7 industry.  
 8 (10) Regulatory compliance history.  
 9 (11) The total public value of a supplemental bid under  
 10 section 7 of this chapter, if applicable.  
 11 (12) Any other factor deemed appropriate by the  
 12 commission.
- 13 (d) In deciding whether to approve or deny an application  
 14 submitted under section 4 of this chapter, the commission may  
 15 consider<:  
 16 ~~(1) whether a public question was on the 2026 general~~  
 17 ~~election ballot under IC 4-33-6-19.5 in the county in which~~  
 18 ~~the applicant proposes to operate an inland casino; and~~  
 19 ~~(2) if a public question was on the ballot as described in~~  
 20 ~~subdivision (1);> the results of the public question certified  
 21 to the commission under IC 4-33-6-19.5(<e>[\[d\]](#)).  
 22 (e) The commission may not decide whether to approve or  
 23 deny an application submitted under section 4 of this chapter based  
 24 on lobbying, political pressure, or unverifiable claims.  
 25 (f) The commission may hold executive sessions under  
 26 IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(1) to review and discuss applications submitted  
 27 under this chapter.~~
- 28 Sec. 7. (a) This section applies if the commission receives more  
 29 than one (1) application proposing to operate an inland casino in  
 30 the same county.
- 31 (b) The commission may, after making the filed applications  
 32 available to the public under section 6 of this chapter, solicit and  
 33 accept a supplemental bid from one (1) or more of the licensed  
 34 owners or permit holders that submitted an application described  
 35 in subsection (a).
- 36 (c) The following apply to a supplemental bid submitted under  
 37 subsection (b):  
 38 (1) A supplemental bid:  
 39 (A) must be submitted only to the commission; and  
 40 (B) subject to subsection (e), must be sealed and is  
 41 confidential.  
 42 (2) A supplemental bid may include proposed payments to

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- one (1) or more of the following:
  - (A) The state.
  - (B) The community in which the proposed inland casino will be located.
  - (C) The city of Rising Sun.
  - (D) Ohio County.
- (3) Each supplemental bid must clearly identify the amount, recipient, and timing of a proposed payment under subdivision (2).
- (4) An applicant may include in a supplemental bid modifications to the information submitted by the applicant under:
  - (A) section 4(a)(1)(B)(iii) through 4(a)(1)(B)(v) of this chapter; and
  - (B) section 4(a)(1)(C) of this chapter.
- (5) A unit (as defined in IC 36-1-2-23) may not negotiate directly with a licensed owner or permit holder submitting a supplemental bid.
- (d) If a supplemental bid is submitted under this section, the commission is not required to consider only applications accompanied by a supplemental bid. The commission may approve an application that was not accompanied by a supplemental bid.
- (e) After the commission makes a final decision under section 8 of this chapter, the commission must make public each supplemental bid received under this section.
- Sec. 8. (a) After issuing the informational summary required under section 6(a)(2) of this chapter, and not later than April 15, 2027, the commission shall issue a final decision approving or denying each application. The final decision must include written findings explaining the decision.
- (b) The commission may:
  - (1) approve only one (1) application under subsection (a); and
  - (2) deny all of the filed applications if the commission determines that none of the applications serve the interests of the state.
- Sec. 9. (a) If the commission approves an application of a licensed owner or permit holder to relocate gaming operations under section 8 of this chapter, the commission:
  - (1) shall require the licensed owner or permit holder to pay to the commission a fee of fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) in the manner described in subsection (b);

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1           (2) shall require the licensed owner or permit holder to make  
 2           a one (1) time payment in the total amount of thirty million  
 3           dollars (\$30,000,000) to the city of Rising Sun and Ohio  
 4           County, due on the date set by the commission under section  
 5           12 of this chapter for the license transfer; and  
 6           (3) may impose other requirements that the commission  
 7           deems necessary and appropriate to protect the interest of  
 8           the state and the person whose application is approved under  
 9           section 8 of this chapter.

10           (b) The payment required by subsection (a)(1) must be paid to  
 11           the commission in five (5) annual payments of equal amounts. The  
 12           first payment required by this section is due within thirty (30) days  
 13           of the approval of the application under section 8 of this chapter.  
 14           The four (4) remaining annual payments are each due on the  
 15           anniversary date of the first payment.

16           (c) The commission shall deposit the fee received under  
 17           subsection (a) in the state general fund.

18           Sec. 10. (a) The commission shall contract with an independent  
 19           third party consultant to determine the fair market value of the  
 20           Ohio County license. IC 5-22 does not apply to procurement by the  
 21           commission with respect to the contract required under this  
 22           subsection.

23           (b) The fair market value determined under subsection (a)  
 24           must be disclosed to the public not later than October 1, 2026.

25           (c) This subsection does not apply if the commission approves  
 26           an application to relocate gaming operations under section 8 of this  
 27           chapter submitted by the current owner of the Ohio County  
 28           license. The licensed owner or permit holder whose application was  
 29           approved under section 8 of this chapter shall pay the amount  
 30           determined under subsection (a) to the owner of the Ohio County  
 31           license.

32           Sec. 11. (a) The commission may enforce the phasing and  
 33           completion timelines to which the licensed owner or permit holder  
 34           committed under section 4(a) of this chapter.

35           (b) If the licensed owner or permit holder whose application  
 36           was approved by the commission under section 8 of this chapter  
 37           sells or otherwise transfers the licensed owner's or permit holder's  
 38           interest in the owner's license within ten (10) years from the date  
 39           the application was approved, the following apply:

40           (1) The licensed owner or permit holder shall pay a fee of  
 41           fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) to the commission before  
 42           the sale or transfer of the license may be approved by the

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commission. Any payment required under this subdivision shall be deposited in the state general fund.

(2) If, at the time of the transfer of ownership, the five hundred million dollar (\$500,000,000) investment to which the licensed owner or permit holder committed under section 4(a)(1)(C) of this chapter has not been met, the person acquiring the owner's license shall, not later than ten (10) years from the date the application was approved by the commission under section 8 of this chapter, invest in the casino and nongaming amenities an amount that is at least equal to the difference between five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000) and the amount actually invested by the person transferring the owner's license.

Sec. 12. (a) The owner of the Ohio County license may continue gambling operations on the riverboat in Ohio County:

(1) during the application, review, and approval process under this chapter; and

(2) if an application is approved under section 8 of this chapter, until one (1) day before the date the commission has approved gambling operations to begin under the relocated owner's license in Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County.

(b) If the commission approves an application to relocate gaming operations under section 8 of this chapter, the following apply:

(1) The owner of the Ohio County license shall cease gambling operations on the riverboat in Ohio County not later than one (1) day before the date the commission has approved gambling operations to begin under the relocated owner's license in Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County.

(2) After gambling operations cease on the riverboat in Ohio County under subdivision (1), and before the date the commission has approved gambling operations to begin under the relocated owner's license, the commission shall promptly transfer the owner's license issued under IC 4-33-6-1(a) to the licensed owner or permit holder whose application was approved under section 8 of this chapter.

(3) The licensed owner or permit holder to whom the owner's license is transferred under subdivision (2) is authorized to begin gambling operations in a casino in Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County in

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1           **accordance with IC 4-33-6-1(a)(7) and this chapter.**  
2           SECTION 8. IC 4-33-10-2.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2025,  
3           SECTION 43, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
4           UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 2.5. (a) This section applies only to property  
5           given after June 30, 1996.  
6           (b) The definitions in IC 3-5-2.1 apply to this section to the extent  
7           they do not conflict with the definitions in this article.  
8           (c) As used in this section, "license" means:  
9           (1) an owner's license issued under this article;  
10          (2) a supplier's license issued under this article to a supplier of  
11          gaming supplies or equipment, including electronic gaming  
12          equipment; or  
13          (3) an operating agent contract entered into under this article.  
14          (d) As used in this section, "licensee" means a person who holds  
15          a license. The term includes an operating agent.  
16          (e) As used in this section, "officer" refers only to either of the  
17          following:  
18          (1) An individual listed as an officer of a corporation in the  
19          corporation's most recent annual report.  
20          (2) An individual who is a successor to an individual described  
21          in subdivision (1).  
22          (f) For purposes of this section, a person is considered to have an  
23          interest in a licensee if the person satisfies any of the following:  
24          (1) The person holds at least a one percent (1%) interest in the  
25          licensee.  
26          (2) The person is an officer of the licensee.  
27          (3) The person is an officer of a person that holds at least a one  
28          percent (1%) interest in the licensee.  
29          (4) The person is a political action committee of the licensee.  
30          (g) A licensee or a person with an interest in a licensee may not  
31          give any property (as defined in IC 35-31.5-2-253) to a member of a  
32          precinct committee to induce the member of the precinct committee to  
33          do any act or refrain from doing any act with respect to the approval of  
34          a local public question under IC 4-33-6-19, ~~or~~ IC 4-33-6-19.3, **or**  
35          **IC 4-33-6-19.5.**  
36          (h) A person who knowingly or intentionally violates this section  
37          commits a Level 6 felony.  
38          SECTION 9. IC 4-33-12-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.293-2019,  
39          SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
40          UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 1.5. (a) A supplemental wagering tax on the  
41          wagering occurring each day at a riverboat is imposed upon the  
42          licensed owner operating the riverboat.

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1 (b) Except as provided in ~~subsection (d)~~; **subsections (d) and (e)**,  
2 and subject to subsection (c), the amount of supplemental wagering tax  
3 imposed for a particular day is determined by multiplying the  
4 riverboat's adjusted gross receipts for that day by the quotient of:

- 5 (1) the total riverboat admissions tax that the riverboat's licensed  
6 owner paid beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017;  
7 divided by
- 8 (2) the riverboat's adjusted gross receipts beginning July 1, 2016,  
9 and ending June 30, 2017.

10 (c) The quotient used under subsection (b) to determine the  
11 supplemental wagering tax liability of a licensed owner subject to  
12 subsection (b) may not exceed the following when expressed as a  
13 percentage:

- 14 (1) Four percent (4%) before July 1, 2019.
- 15 (2) Three and five-tenths percent (3.5%) after June 30, 2019.

16 (d) The supplemental wagering tax liability of a licensed owner  
17 operating an inland casino in Vigo County is equal to two and  
18 nine-tenths percent (2.9%) of the riverboat's adjusted gross receipts for  
19 the day.

20 (e) **The supplemental wagering tax liability of a licensed owner**  
21 **operating an inland casino in Allen County, DeKalb County,**  
22 **Steuben County, or Wayne County under IC 4-33-6.8 is equal to**  
23 **three and five-tenths percent (3.5%) of the riverboat's adjusted**  
24 **gross receipts for the day.**

25 SECTION 10. IC 4-33-12-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.104-2022,  
26 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
27 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 6. (a) The department shall place in the state  
28 general fund the tax revenue collected under this chapter.

29 (b) Except as provided by sections 8, ~~and~~ 8.5, ~~and~~ 8.7 of this  
30 chapter, the treasurer of state shall quarterly pay the following  
31 amounts:

- 32 (1) Except as provided in section 9(k) of this chapter, thirty-three  
33 and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the admissions tax and  
34 supplemental wagering tax collected by the licensed owner  
35 during the quarter shall be paid to:
  - 36 (A) the city in which the riverboat is located, if the city:
    - 37 (i) is located in a county having a population of more  
38 than one hundred twelve thousand (112,000) and less  
39 than one hundred twenty thousand (120,000); or
    - 40 (ii) is contiguous to the Ohio River and is the largest  
41 city in the county; and
  - 42 (B) the county in which the riverboat is located, if the

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- riverboat is not located in a city described in clause (A).
- (2) Except as provided in section 9(k) of this chapter, thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the admissions tax and supplemental wagering tax collected by the licensed owner during the quarter shall be paid to the county in which the riverboat is located. In the case of a county described in subdivision (1)(B), this thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) of the admissions tax and supplemental wagering tax is in addition to the thirty-three and one-third percent (33 1/3%) received under subdivision (1)(B).
- (3) Except as provided in section 9(k) of this chapter, three and thirty-three hundredths percent (3.33%) of the admissions tax and supplemental wagering tax collected by the licensed owner during the quarter shall be paid to the county convention and visitors bureau or promotion fund for the county in which the riverboat is located.
- (4) Except as provided in section 9(k) of this chapter, five percent (5%) of the admissions tax and supplemental wagering tax collected by the licensed owner during a quarter shall be paid to the state fair commission, for use in any activity that the commission is authorized to carry out under IC 15-13-3.
- (5) Except as provided in section 9(k) of this chapter, three and thirty-three hundredths percent (3.33%) of the admissions tax and supplemental wagering tax collected by the licensed owner during the quarter shall be paid to the division of mental health and addiction. The division shall allocate at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the funds derived from the admissions tax to the prevention and treatment of compulsive gambling.
- (6) Twenty-one and six hundred sixty-seven thousandths percent (21.667%) of the admissions tax and supplemental wagering tax collected by the licensed owner during the quarter shall be paid to the state general fund.

SECTION 11. IC 4-33-12-8.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 8.7. (a) This section applies only to tax revenue collected from an inland casino located in Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County under IC 4-33-6.8.**

**(b) The treasurer of state shall pay the following amounts from taxes collected during the preceding calendar quarter from the inland casino:**

- (1) Ten percent (10%) to one (1) of the following:**

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(A) The regional development authority established under IC 36-7.6 for northeast Indiana, if the commission approves an application under IC 4-33-6.8-8 to operate an inland casino in Allen County, DeKalb County, or Steuben County.

(B) The regional development authority established under IC 36-7.6 of which Wayne County is a member, if the commission approves an application under IC 4-33-6.8-8 to operate an inland casino in Wayne County.

(2) Forty-five percent (45%) to the city in which the casino conducts gaming operations.

(3) Forty-five percent (45%) to county in which the casino conducts gaming operations.

(c) This subsection applies to a city or county receiving money under subsection (b). Money paid to a city or county under subsection (b):

(1) must be paid to the fiscal officer of the unit and may be deposited in the unit's general fund or a riverboat fund established by the city or county under IC 36-1-8-9, or both;

(2) may not be used to reduce the unit's maximum levy under IC 6-1.1-18.5 but may be used at the discretion of the unit to reduce the property tax levy of the unit for a particular year;

(3) may be used for any legal or corporate purpose of the unit, including the pledge of money to bonds, leases, or other obligations under IC 5-1-14-4; and

(4) is considered miscellaneous revenue.

(d) Money paid under subsection (b)(1) must be deposited in the development authority fund established under IC 36-7.6-4-1 for the regional development authority to which the money is due.

SECTION 12. IC 4-33-13-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2024, SECTION 109, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 5. (a) This subsection does not apply to tax revenue remitted by an operating agent operating a riverboat in a historic hotel district. Excluding funds that are appropriated in the biennial budget act from the state gaming fund to the commission for purposes of administering this article, each month the state comptroller shall distribute the tax revenue deposited in the state gaming fund under this chapter to the following:

(1) An amount equal to the following shall be set aside for revenue sharing under subsection (d):

(A) Before July 1, 2021, the first thirty-three million dollars

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(\$33,000,000) of tax revenues collected under this chapter shall be set aside for revenue sharing under subsection (d). (B) After June 30, 2021, if the total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling games authorized under this article during the preceding state fiscal year is equal to or greater than the total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling games authorized under this article during the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the first thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) of tax revenues collected under this chapter shall be set aside for revenue sharing under subsection (d).

(C) After June 30, 2021, if the total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling games authorized under this article during the preceding state fiscal year is less than the total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling games authorized under this article during the state year ending June 30, 2020, an amount equal to the first thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) of tax revenues collected under this chapter multiplied by the result of:

(i) the total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling games authorized under this article during the preceding state fiscal year; divided by

(ii) the total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling games authorized under this article during the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2020;

shall be set aside for revenue sharing under subsection (d).

(2) Subject to subsection (c), twenty-five percent (25%) of the remaining tax revenue remitted by each licensed owner shall be paid:

(A) to the city in which the riverboat is located or that is designated as the home dock of the riverboat from which the tax revenue was collected, in the case of:

- (i) a city described in IC 4-33-12-6(b)(1)(A);
- (ii) a city located in Lake County, **Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County**; or
- (iii) Terre Haute; or

(B) to the county that is designated as the home dock of the riverboat from which the tax revenue was collected, in the

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case of a riverboat that is not located in a city described in clause (A) or whose home dock is not in a city described in clause (A).

(3) The remainder of the tax revenue remitted by each licensed owner shall be paid to the state general fund. In each state fiscal year, the state comptroller shall make the transfer required by this subdivision on or before the fifteenth day of the month based on revenue received during the preceding month for deposit in the state gaming fund. Specifically, the state comptroller may transfer the tax revenue received by the state in a month to the state general fund in the immediately following month according to this subdivision.

(b) This subsection applies only to tax revenue remitted by an operating agent operating a riverboat in a historic hotel district after June 30, 2019. Excluding funds that are appropriated in the biennial budget act from the state gaming fund to the commission for purposes of administering this article, each month the state comptroller shall distribute the tax revenue remitted by the operating agent under this chapter as follows:

(1) For state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2019, but ending before July 1, 2021, fifty-six and five-tenths percent (56.5%) shall be paid to the state general fund.

(2) For state fiscal years beginning after June 30, 2021, fifty-six and five-tenths percent (56.5%) shall be paid as follows:

(A) Sixty-six and four-tenths percent (66.4%) shall be paid to the state general fund.

(B) Thirty-three and six-tenths percent (33.6%) shall be paid to the West Baden Springs historic hotel preservation and maintenance fund established by IC 36-7-11.5-11(b).

However, if:

(i) at any time the balance in that fund exceeds twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000); or

(ii) in any part of a state fiscal year in which the operating agent has received at least one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) of adjusted gross receipts;

the amount described in this clause shall be paid to the state general fund for the remainder of the state fiscal year.

(3) Forty-three and five-tenths percent (43.5%) shall be paid as follows:

(A) Twenty-two and four-tenths percent (22.4%) shall be paid as follows:

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(i) Fifty percent (50%) to the fiscal officer of the town of French Lick.

(ii) Fifty percent (50%) to the fiscal officer of the town of West Baden Springs.

(B) Fourteen and eight-tenths percent (14.8%) shall be paid to the county treasurer of Orange County for distribution among the school corporations in the county. The governing bodies for the school corporations in the county shall provide a formula for the distribution of the money received under this clause among the school corporations by joint resolution adopted by the governing body of each of the school corporations in the county. Money received by a school corporation under this clause must be used to improve the educational attainment of students enrolled in the school corporation receiving the money. Not later than the first regular meeting in the school year of a governing body of a school corporation receiving a distribution under this clause, the superintendent of the school corporation shall submit to the governing body a report describing the purposes for which the receipts under this clause were used and the improvements in educational attainment realized through the use of the money. The report is a public record.

(C) Thirteen and one-tenth percent (13.1%) shall be paid to the county treasurer of Orange County.

(D) Five and three-tenths percent (5.3%) shall be distributed quarterly to the county treasurer of Dubois County for appropriation by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive. The county fiscal body for the receiving county shall provide for the distribution of the money received under this clause to one (1) or more taxing units (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-21) in the county under a formula established by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive.

(E) Five and three-tenths percent (5.3%) shall be distributed quarterly to the county treasurer of Crawford County for appropriation by the county fiscal body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive. The county fiscal body for the receiving county shall provide for the distribution of the money received under this clause to one (1) or more taxing units (as defined in IC 6-1.1-1-21) in the county under a formula established by the county fiscal

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body after receiving a recommendation from the county executive.

(F) Six and thirty-five hundredths percent (6.35%) shall be paid to the fiscal officer of the town of Paoli.

(G) Six and thirty-five hundredths percent (6.35%) shall be paid to the fiscal officer of the town of Orleans.

(H) Twenty-six and four-tenths percent (26.4%) shall be paid to the Indiana economic development corporation established by IC 5-28-3-1 for transfer as follows:

(i) Beginning after December 31, 2017, ten percent (10%) of the amount transferred under this clause in each calendar year shall be transferred to the South Central Indiana Regional Economic Development Corporation or a successor entity or partnership for economic development for the purpose of recruiting new business to Orange County as well as promoting the retention and expansion of existing businesses in Orange County.

(ii) The remainder of the amount transferred under this clause in each calendar year shall be transferred to Radius Indiana or a successor regional entity or partnership for the development and implementation of a regional economic development strategy to assist the residents of Orange County and the counties contiguous to Orange County in improving their quality of life and to help promote successful and sustainable communities.

To the extent possible, the Indiana economic development corporation shall provide for the transfer under item (i) to be made in four (4) equal installments. However, an amount sufficient to meet current obligations to retire or refinance indebtedness or leases for which tax revenues under this section were pledged before January 1, 2015, by the Orange County development commission shall be paid to the Orange County development commission before making distributions to the South Central Indiana Regional Economic Development Corporation and Radius Indiana or their successor entities or partnerships. The amount paid to the Orange County development commission shall proportionally reduce the amount payable to the South Central Indiana Regional Economic Development Corporation and Radius Indiana or their successor entities

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or partnerships.

(c) This subsection does not apply to tax revenue remitted by an inland casino operating in Vigo County, **Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County**. For each city and county receiving money under subsection (a)(2), the state comptroller shall determine the total amount of money paid by the state comptroller to the city or county during the state fiscal year 2002. The amount determined is the base year revenue for the city or county. The state comptroller shall certify the base year revenue determined under this subsection to the city or county. The total amount of money distributed to a city or county under this section during a state fiscal year may not exceed the entity's base year revenue. For each state fiscal year, the state comptroller shall pay that part of the riverboat wagering taxes that:

- (1) exceeds a particular city's or county's base year revenue; and
- (2) would otherwise be due to the city or county under this section;

to the state general fund instead of to the city or county.

(d) Except as provided in subsections (k) and (l), before August 15 of each year, the state comptroller shall distribute the wagering taxes set aside for revenue sharing under subsection (a)(1) to the county treasurer of each county that does not have a riverboat according to the ratio that the county's population bears to the total population of the counties that do not have a riverboat. Except as provided in subsection (g), the county auditor shall distribute the money received by the county under this subsection as follows:

- (1) To each city located in the county according to the ratio the city's population bears to the total population of the county.
- (2) To each town located in the county according to the ratio the town's population bears to the total population of the county.
- (3) After the distributions required in subdivisions (1) and (2) are made, the remainder shall be retained by the county.

(e) Money received by a city, town, or county under subsection (d) or (g) may be used for any of the following purposes:

- (1) To reduce the property tax levy of the city, town, or county for a particular year (a property tax reduction under this subdivision does not reduce the maximum levy of the city, town, or county under IC 6-1.1-18.5).
- (2) For deposit in a special fund or allocation fund created under IC 8-22-3.5, IC 36-7-14, IC 36-7-14.5, IC 36-7-15.1, and IC 36-7-30 to provide funding for debt repayment.
- (3) To fund sewer and water projects, including storm water

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management projects.  
(4) For police and fire pensions.  
(5) To carry out any governmental purpose for which the money is appropriated by the fiscal body of the city, town, or county. Money used under this subdivision does not reduce the property tax levy of the city, town, or county for a particular year or reduce the maximum levy of the city, town, or county under IC 6-1.1-18.5.

(f) This subsection does not apply to an inland casino operating in Vigo County, **Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or Wayne County**. Before July 15 of each year, the state comptroller shall determine the total amount of money distributed to an entity under IC 4-33-12-6 or IC 4-33-12-8 during the preceding state fiscal year. If the state comptroller determines that the total amount of money distributed to an entity under IC 4-33-12-6 or IC 4-33-12-8 during the preceding state fiscal year was less than the entity's base year revenue (as determined under IC 4-33-12-9), the state comptroller shall make a supplemental distribution to the entity from taxes collected under this chapter and deposited into the state general fund. Except as provided in subsection (h), the amount of an entity's supplemental distribution is equal to:

- (1) the entity's base year revenue (as determined under IC 4-33-12-9); minus
- (2) the sum of:
  - (A) the total amount of money distributed to the entity and constructively received by the entity during the preceding state fiscal year under IC 4-33-12-6 or IC 4-33-12-8; plus
  - (B) the amount of any admissions taxes deducted under IC 6-3.1-20-7.

(g) This subsection applies only to Marion County. The county auditor shall distribute the money received by the county under subsection (d) as follows:

- (1) To each city, other than the consolidated city, located in the county according to the ratio that the city's population bears to the total population of the county.
- (2) To each town located in the county according to the ratio that the town's population bears to the total population of the county.
- (3) After the distributions required in subdivisions (1) and (2) are made, the remainder shall be paid in equal amounts to the consolidated city and the county.

(h) This subsection does not apply to an inland casino operating in Vigo County, **Allen County, DeKalb County, Steuben County, or**

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1 **Wayne County.** This subsection applies to a supplemental distribution  
 2 made after June 30, 2017. The maximum amount of money that may be  
 3 distributed under subsection (f) in a state fiscal year is equal to the  
 4 following:

5 (1) Before July 1, 2021, forty-eight million dollars  
 6 (\$48,000,000).

7 (2) After June 30, 2021, if the total adjusted gross receipts  
 8 received by licensees from gambling games authorized under  
 9 this article during the preceding state fiscal year is equal to or  
 10 greater than the total adjusted gross receipts received by  
 11 licensees from gambling games authorized under this article  
 12 during the state fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, the maximum  
 13 amount is forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000).

14 (3) After June 30, 2021, if the total adjusted gross receipts  
 15 received by licensees from gambling games authorized under  
 16 this article during the preceding state fiscal year is less than the  
 17 total adjusted gross receipts received by licensees from gambling  
 18 games authorized under this article during the state fiscal year  
 19 ending June 30, 2020, the maximum amount is equal to the  
 20 result of:

21 (A) forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000); multiplied by

22 (B) the result of:

23 (i) the total adjusted gross receipts received by  
 24 licensees from gambling games authorized under this  
 25 article during the preceding state fiscal year; divided  
 26 by

27 (ii) the total adjusted gross receipts received by  
 28 licensees from gambling games authorized under this  
 29 article during the state fiscal year ending June 30,  
 30 2020.

31 If the total amount determined under subsection (f) exceeds the  
 32 maximum amount determined under this subsection, the amount  
 33 distributed to an entity under subsection (f) must be reduced according  
 34 to the ratio that the amount distributed to the entity under IC 4-33-12-6  
 35 or IC 4-33-12-8 bears to the total amount distributed under  
 36 IC 4-33-12-6 and IC 4-33-12-8 to all entities receiving a supplemental  
 37 distribution.

38 (i) This subsection applies to a supplemental distribution, if any,  
 39 payable to Lake County, Hammond, Gary, or East Chicago under  
 40 subsections (f) and (h). Beginning in July 2016, the state comptroller  
 41 shall, after making any deductions from the supplemental distribution  
 42 required by IC 6-3.1-20-7, deduct from the remainder of the

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1 supplemental distribution otherwise payable to the unit under this  
2 section the lesser of:

- 3 (1) the remaining amount of the supplemental distribution; or  
4 (2) the difference, if any, between:  
5 (A) three million five hundred thousand dollars  
6 (\$3,500,000); minus  
7 (B) the amount of admissions taxes constructively received  
8 by the unit in the previous state fiscal year.

9 The state comptroller shall distribute the amounts deducted under this  
10 subsection to the northwest Indiana redevelopment authority  
11 established under IC 36-7.5-2-1 for deposit in the development  
12 authority revenue fund established under IC 36-7.5-4-1.

13 (j) Money distributed to a political subdivision under subsection  
14 (b):

15 (1) must be paid to the fiscal officer of the political subdivision  
16 and may be deposited in the political subdivision's general fund  
17 (in the case of a school corporation, the school corporation may  
18 deposit the money into either the education fund (IC 20-40-2) or  
19 the operations fund (IC 20-40-18)) or riverboat fund established  
20 under IC 36-1-8-9, or both;

21 (2) may not be used to reduce the maximum levy under  
22 IC 6-1.1-18.5 of a county, city, or town or the maximum tax rate  
23 of a school corporation, but, except as provided in subsection  
24 (b)(3)(B), may be used at the discretion of the political  
25 subdivision to reduce the property tax levy of the county, city, or  
26 town for a particular year;

27 (3) except as provided in subsection (b)(3)(B), may be used for  
28 any legal or corporate purpose of the political subdivision,  
29 including the pledge of money to bonds, leases, or other  
30 obligations under IC 5-1-14-4; and

31 (4) is considered miscellaneous revenue.

32 Money distributed under subsection (b)(3)(B) must be used for the  
33 purposes specified in subsection (b)(3)(B).

34 (k) After June 30, 2020, the amount of wagering taxes that would  
35 otherwise be distributed to South Bend under subsection (d) shall be  
36 deposited as being received from all riverboats whose supplemental  
37 wagering tax, as calculated under IC 4-33-12-1.5(b), is over three and  
38 five-tenths percent (3.5%). The amount deposited under this  
39 subsection, in each riverboat's account, is proportionate to the  
40 supplemental wagering tax received from that riverboat under  
41 IC 4-33-12-1.5 in the month of July. The amount deposited under this  
42 subsection must be distributed in the same manner as the supplemental

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1       wagering tax collected under IC 4-33-12-1.5. This subsection expires  
2       June 30, 2021.

3             (l) After June 30, 2021, the amount of wagering taxes that would  
4       otherwise be distributed to South Bend under subsection (d) shall be  
5       withheld and deposited in the state general fund.

6             **SECTION 13. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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