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SENATE AMENDMENT "C" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1342, L.D. 1820, Bill, "An Act To Establish the Gambling Control Board To License and Regulate Slot Machines at Commercial Harness Racing Tracks"

Amend the amendment on page 8 by striking out all of paragraphs K and L (page 8, lines 4 to 11 in amendment) and inserting their place the following:

'K. Maintain the ability to activate and deactivate the operation of slot machines via the central site monitoring system under authority of board staff or persons contracted by the board;

L. Ensure that the slot machine operator does not have access to any system that is capable of programming slot machines;'

Further amend the amendment on page 8 by inserting after paragraph T the following:

'Further amend the bill in Part A in section 4 by inserting after that part designated "§1003." the following:

'§1004. Central site monitoring system

1. Generally. In order to facilitate the auditing and security programs required by section 1003, subsection 2 and in addition to the requirements of section 1003, subsection 2, paragraphs J to O, all slot machines must communicate

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2 electronically with the central site monitoring system required
3 pursuant to section 1003, subsection 2, paragraph J. The board
4 shall select a central site monitoring system. The central site
5 monitoring system, in addition to other functions the board
6 determines necessary, must:

7 A. Be a fully operational slot machine control system that
8 has the capability of supporting all slot machines licensed
9 for operation in the State and is capable of being upgraded
10 to maintain a fully operational and proper reporting
11 capability;

12 B. Use a widely accepted gaming industry protocol to
13 facilitate slot machine manufacturers' ability to
14 communicate with the central site monitoring system;

15 C. Have the capability to support progressive slot
16 machines, both in-house and wide-area, as approved by the
17 board. For purposes of this paragraph, "progressive slot
18 machine" means a slot machine or series of slot machines in
19 which the payback amount to an individual player increases
20 as that player continues to play the slot machine or slot
21 machines;

22 D. Allow the slot machine operator to install independent
23 player tracking systems to include cashless technology as
24 approved by the board;

25 E. Be incapable of altering the statistical awards of slot
26 machines, as designated by the slot machine manufacturer and
27 approved by the board;

28 F. Provide redundancy to ensure that each component of the
29 network is capable of operating independently if another
30 component of the network fails and to ensure that all
31 transactional data is captured and secured; and

32 G. Have the ability to meet the reporting and control
33 requirements set forth in section 1003, subsection 2,
34 paragraphs A to T.

35 2. Third-party contractor. If the board contracts with a
36 3rd party to operate the central site monitoring system, the 3rd
37 party must meet, as determined by the board, the suitability
38 requirement described in section 1016, subsection 2.

39 3. Initial acquisition of central site monitoring system.
40 The board shall select the central site monitoring system
41 presenting the lowest overall cost alternative, taking into
42 consideration the capital costs, operating costs and impact on
43 gross slot machine revenues, that is capable of satisfying the
44 requirements of section 1016, subsection 2.

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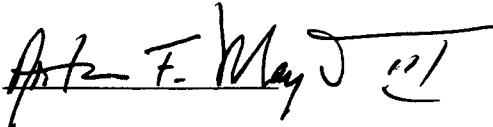
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requirements of this section and section 1003, as determined by
the board.'

Further amend the bill in Part A in section 4 by renumbering
any nonconsecutive section number to read consecutively.'

SUMMARY

This amendment requires the Gambling Control Board to use a
central site monitoring system that, in addition to having other
features determined necessary by the board, has the ability to
support all slot machines licensed for operation in the State,
including progressive slot machines, uses a widely accepted
gaming industry protocol to facilitate slot machine
manufacturers' ability to communicate with the central site
monitoring system, allows the slot machine operator to install
independent player tracking systems and has backup components.
In selecting the central site monitoring system, the board is
required to select the system with the lowest overall cost that
meets these requirements. If the board contracts with a 3rd
party to operate the central site monitoring system, that 3rd
party must meet the same suitability requirements as others
seeking to obtain a license for gambling-related activities.

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