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SENATE AMENDMENT "F" 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

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. A slot  
39 machine distributor or slot machine operator licensed pursuant to  
40 this chapter or any holding company, intermediary company or  
41 subsidiary of a slot machine distributor or slot machine operator  
42 licensed pursuant to this chapter may not act as a 3rd-party

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2 contractor for purposes of operation of the central site  
monitoring system.

4 3. Initial acquisition of central site monitoring system.  
6 The board shall select the central site monitoring system  
8 presenting the lowest overall cost alternative, taking into  
10 consideration the capital costs, operating costs and impact on  
gross slot machine revenues, that is capable of satisfying the  
requirements of this section and section 1003, as determined by  
the board.'


12 Further amend the bill in section 4 by renumbering the  
14 sections to read consecutively.'

16 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment incorporates the provisions of Senate  
20 Amendment "C" to Committee Amendment "A" and adds a provision  
22 prohibiting a slot machine distributor or slot machine operator  
24 licensed in this State or any entity affiliated with that slot  
machine distributor or slot machine operator from acting as a  
3rd-party contractor for purposes of operating the central site  
monitoring system.

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