## AMENDMENTS TO THE ILLINOIS VIDEO GAMING ACT AND OTHER RELEVANT LEGISLATION

	PREVIOUS ACT	AMENDED ACT
Maximum number of Video Gaming Terminals (VGTs)	All categories of licensed establishments can have up to five (5) VGTs.	All previously existing categories of licensed establishments can have up to six (6) VGTs. Licensed Large Truck Stop Establishments, a new category of licensed establishment, can have up to ten (10) VGTs.
Licensed Large Truck Stop Establishment	Not authorized.	To qualify as a Licensed Large Truck Stop Establishment, in addition to the other requirements for traditional Licensed Truck Stop Establishments, an establishment must:  1. Be located within 3 road miles of a freeway interchange; and  2. Sell on average at least 50,000 gallons (instead of 10,000 gallons) of diesel fuel per month.
Examination and Testing of VGTs	Illinois Gaming Board (IGB) is authorized to accept test results from one or more accredited independent outside testing laboratories.	IGB is required to accept test results from any accredited independent outside testing laboratory which is licensed in other gaming jurisdictions similar to Illinois.
Servicing of VGTs	IGB Agents are required to be physically present when any services are performed on VGTs.	Licensed Terminal Handlers can perform RAM clears, install software upgrades, perform go-lives and temporarily move VGTs for repairs without the physical presence of an IGB Agent.

Authorization of Progressive Jackpots	Not authorized.	Allows for "In-Location Bonus Jackpots" of up to \$10,000 from VGTs in a single location. IGB is required to adopt emergency rules relating to in-location bonus jackpot games within 90 days of the effective date of the amendment.
Maximum Bet	\$2	\$4
Maximum Win	\$500	\$1,199
Restriction on Gaming Malls	Not included. IGB Rule 815 addressed this issue.	Codifies the language of IGB Rule 815. Gaming malls are prohibited.
Tax Rate	30% tax on Net Terminal Income.	As of July 1, 2019, the tax rate moves from 30% to 33%.  As of July 1, 2020, the tax rate will move from 33% to 34%.  This additional tax is deposited in the Capital Project Fund and is not considered in calculating the municipality's share.
State Fair Gaming Act Created	Not applicable.	Illinois State Fair authorized to operate 50 VGTs, and DuQuoin State Fair authorized to operate 30 VGTs.
Open Meetings Act Amended	Not applicable.	Allows IGB to discuss decisions involving personal, commercial, financial or other information obtained from a privileged or confidential source such as IGB applications or administrative procedural documents in a closed meeting.





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