
CASINO CONTROL COMMISSION

Age in casino areas

- Requires that an individual under age 21 be personally escorted by licensed casino personnel in order to pass through an area of a casino facility where casino gaming is being conducted to another area where casino gaming is not being conducted.

Gaming and wagering report

- Requires the Joint Committee on Gaming and Wagering to prepare a report that includes findings on criminal problems posed by gaming and wagering at casino facilities and video lottery terminal facilities and that recommends curative actions.

Casino Control Commission Enforcement Fund

- Creates in the state treasury the Casino Control Commission Enforcement Fund, which must contain all moneys that are derived from any fines, mandatory fines, forfeited bail, or forfeitures to which the Ohio Casino Control Commission is entitled.
- With certain exceptions, states that the moneys in the Fund must be used solely to subsidize the Commission's Division of Enforcement.
- Specifies that moneys in the Fund that are derived from forfeitures of property under federal law must be used and accounted for in accordance with the applicable federal law.
- Amends the Forfeiture Law to include the Commission as a law enforcement agency under that Law.
- Requires the Executive Director of the Commission to file an annual report verifying moneys in the Fund were used in accordance with relevant law.

Age in casino areas

(R.C. 3772.24)

The act specifies that an individual under age 21 may enter a designated area of a casino facility where casino gaming is being conducted, as established by the Ohio Casino Control Commission, to pass to another area where casino gaming is not being conducted, but only if the individual is personally escorted by licensed casino



personnel, as approved by the Commission, who at all times remain in close proximity to the individual.

Former law did not require the individual to be escorted by casino personnel.

Gaming and wagering report

(Section 737.30)

Before December 31, 2013, the Joint Committee on Gaming and Wagering must prepare a report that includes findings on criminal problems posed by gaming and wagering at casino facilities and video lottery terminal facilities, as well as recommendations on policies and procedures that can be used to protect personal liberty while also reducing criminal activity. The Committee must submit the report to the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, the Governor, the Attorney General, the State Lottery Commission, and the Ohio Casino Control Commission.

Casino Control Commission Enforcement Fund

(R.C. 2981.01, 2981.13, and 3772.36)

The act creates in the state treasury the Casino Control Commission Enforcement Fund, and specifies that all moneys that are derived from any fines, mandatory fines, or forfeited bail to which the Commission is entitled under the Casino Law, and all moneys that are derived from forfeitures of property to which the Commission is entitled under Ohio law (including the Casino Law and the Forfeiture Law) or federal law, must be deposited into the Fund. The act amends the Forfeiture Law to include the Commission as a law enforcement agency under that Law, which brings the Commission under the Law's provisions related to seizure, care, disposal, and sale of property subject to forfeiture.

Generally, the moneys in the Fund must be used solely to subsidize the Commission's Division of Enforcement and its efforts to ensure the integrity of casino gaming. However, the act creates some exceptions to this general usage requirement as described below:

(1) Moneys that are derived from forfeitures of property under federal law and that are deposited into the Fund must be used and accounted for in accordance with the applicable federal law, and the Commission otherwise must comply with federal law in connection with that money.



(2) Moneys acquired from a sale of contraband or forfeited instrumentalities and any proceeds forfeited under the Forfeiture Law must be distributed in the order specified in that Law.

(3) Moneys remaining after other distributions under the Forfeiture Law must be used as provided in that Law, including for law enforcement purposes that the Commission determines to be appropriate, but not to meet the operating costs of the Commission.

Additionally, the Executive Director of the Commission must file a report with the Attorney General not later than January 31 of the next calendar year, verifying that cash and forfeited proceeds paid into the Fund were used only in accordance with the relevant law and specifying the amounts expended for each authorized purpose.

