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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING GAMBLING; TO
10 AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS RACING COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN
11 A STATEWIDE SELF-EXCLUSION LIST; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 117, is amended to add an
23 additional section to read as follows:

24 23-117-103. Self-exclusion list – Definition.

25 (a) As used in this section, "self-exclusion" or "self-excluded" means
26 a declaration from an individual to a casino that he or she would like to be
27 excluded from entering the casino's facility.

28 (b)(1) At the discretion of the Director of the Arkansas Racing
29 Commission, the Arkansas Racing Commission may also maintain a statewide
30 self-exclusion list, and the commission shall:

31 (A) Join a multi-state or national self-exclusion program
32 operated to ensure responsible gaming services; or

33 (B) Enter into an agreement with another state or states
34 for the sharing and mutual enforcement of each state's respective self-
35 exclusion list.

36 (2) The self-exclusion list maintained under subdivision (b)(1)



1 of this section shall serve as the definitive list of self-excluded
2 individuals in lieu of a separate list maintained by each casino to comply
3 with rules regarding a casino's obligations related to self-excluded
4 individuals.

5 (3) Information received by the commission for the self-
6 exclusion list under this section is confidential and is not subject to
7 examination or disclosure as public information under the Freedom of
8 Information Act of 1967, § 25-19-101 et seq.

9 (c)(1) This section does not permit the commission or an entity
10 involved under subsection (b) of this section to disclose the name or
11 information of an individual on the self-exclusion list without the
12 individual's authorization.

13 (2) The self-exclusion list shall not be open to public
14 inspection.

15 (3) A casino or an employee of a casino shall not be liable to a
16 self-excluded individual or other person for harm, monetary or otherwise,
17 that may arise as a result of the disclosure or publication, other than a
18 willful and unlawful disclosure or publication, of the identify of a self-
19 excluded individual.

20 (d)(1) An individual on the self-exclusion list shall not collect in
21 any manner or proceeding any winnings or recover any losses arising as a
22 result of prohibited gaming activity.

23 (2) Solely for the purposes of this section, gaming activity
24 that results in a self-excluded individual obtaining money or a thing of
25 value from, or being owed any money or thing of value by, a casino is a fully
26 executed gambling transaction.

27 (e)(1) Money or a thing of value that has been obtained by or is owed
28 to an individual on the self-exclusion list by a casino as a result of wagers
29 made by the individual on the self-exclusion list is subject to forfeiture
30 following notice to the individual and an opportunity to be heard.

31 (2) An amount forfeited under subdivision (e)(1) of this section
32 shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund.

33 (f) Any cost associated with commission requirements under subsection
34 (b) of this section may be paid from an assessment paid by each casino or
35 from amounts forfeited under The Arkansas Casino Gaming Amendment of 2018,
36 Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 100.

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2 (g)(1) An individual is not permitted to add an individual other than
3 himself or herself onto the self-exclusion list.

4 (2) A casino shall require an individual to present his or her
5 identification to confirm identity before placement on the self-exclusion
6 list.

7 (h) The commission shall promulgate rules to implement and enforce
8 this section, including without limitation rules concerning:

9 (1) The transition from a single-location self-exclusion list to
10 a statewide or broader self-exclusion list;

11 (2) An option for a self-excluded individual to select the state
12 with which the commission is authorized to share his or her information;

13 (3) A means for an individual to join a self-exclusion list in
14 multiple states using a single form; and

15 (4) A means for an individual to remove himself or herself from
16 the self-exclusion list.

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