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ASSEMBLY, No. 3327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MARCH 14, 1983

By Assemblymen DOYLE and VAN WAGNER

AN ACT concerning amusement games license fees and amending
P. L. 1959, c. 109 and P. L. 1961, c. 103.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 3 of P. L. 1959, c. 109 (C. 5:8-102) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 3. Each applicant for such a license shall file with the clerk of
4 the municipality a written application therefor in the form pre-
5 scribed **[in said rules and regulations]** *by the Amusement Games*
6 *Control Commissioner*, duly executed and verified, in which shall be
7 stated the name and address of the applicant, together with suffi-
8 cient facts relating to its incorporation and organization if the
9 applicant be a corporation or organization; the specific kind of
10 amusement games intended to be held, operated and conducted by
11 the applicant, and the place or places where, the period, term, date
12 or dates and the time or times when, such amusement games are
13 intended to be conducted by the applicant, under the license applied
14 for; and that no prize or prizes will be offered and given under
15 said license except of merchandise only and same shall be of a value
16 not in excess of the sum or value authorized to be offered and given
17 by this act and such other information as shall be prescribed by
18 **[such rules and regulations]** *the Amusement Games Control Com-*
19 *missioner.*

20 Every such municipal license so issued shall be inoperative unless
21 the licensee named therein shall also, within 90 days from the issu-

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.
Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

22 ance thereof and prior to the conduct or operation of amusement
 23 games thereunder, procure a State license authorizing the licensee
 24 holding the municipal license to operate and conduct certain games
 25 according to the terms of such municipal license. The said State
 26 license shall be issued by the State Amusement Games Control
 27 Commissioner, if he finds that all of the conditions, terms and re-
 28 quirements of this act and of said rules and regulations have been
 29 fully met and complied with. As a condition of granting any such
 30 State license the applicant therefor shall pay to the said commis-
 31 sioner an annual fee of ~~[\$150.00]~~ \$250.00. *An applicant who is the*
 32 *owner of an arcade shall pay an additional annual fee of \$10.00 per*
 33 *machine for each machine over 50 machines.* If any such municipal
 34 license authorizes the licensee to conduct and operate games at
 35 more than one place or of more than one specific kind the applicant
 36 for the State license shall pay the said annual fee of ~~[\$150.00]~~
 37 \$250.00 for each such place and for each such specific kind.

38 *For the purposes of this section, "arcade" means a place where a*
 39 *single player upon payment of a fee is permitted to play a machine*
 40 *or device to obtain a prize, ticket or token redeemable for a prize, or*
 41 *attain a score upon the basis of which a prize, ticket or token is*
 42 *awarded.*

1 2. Section 5 of P. L. 1961, c. 103 (C. 5:8-125) is amended to read
 2 as follows:

3 5. As a condition of granting a State license to any such associa-
 4 tion, where the said association is itself to operate an amusement
 5 game or amusement games, the association shall pay an annual fee
 6 of ~~[\$20.00, plus \$5.00 for each game to be operated in excess of 4]~~
 7 \$50.00 per game. Where the operator of the game at an agricultural
 8 fair and exhibition conducted under the auspices of such an associa-
 9 tion is to be a person holding a concession to operate at the fair
 10 and exhibition from the association holding the same, such operator
 11 shall pay for the State license an annual fee of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$50.00 for
 12 each game to be operated at the fair and exhibition, but if said
 13 operator is a licensee under the "Amusement Games Licensing Law"
 14 and has paid the annual fee of ~~[\$100.00]~~ \$250.00 for a State license,
 15 he shall not be required to pay the said fee of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$50.00 for
 16 each game to be operated unless he operates more than ~~[10]~~ five
 17 games, in which case he shall pay for the State license an additional
 18 annual fee of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$50.00 for each game in excess of ~~[10]~~ five.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to amend the "Amusement Games Licensing Law" P. L. 1959, c. 109 (C. 5:8-100 et seq.) to increase the fee which applicants must pay for a State license from \$150.00 to \$250.00. An applicant who is the owner of an arcade shall pay an additional fee of \$10.00 per machine for each machine over 50 machines. The Amusement Games Control Commissioner may also prescribe the form for applications and licenses without the specific form appearing in the rules or regulations.

The bill also increases the annual fee charged certain agricultural associations for obtaining a State license to operate amusement games.

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ASSEMBLY INDEPENDENT AUTHORITIES AND
COMMISSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 3327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: APRIL 25, 1983

The purpose of this bill is to amend the "Amusement Games Licensing Law" P. L. 1959, c. 109 (C. 5:8-100 et seq.) to increase the fee which applicants must pay for a State license from \$150.00 to \$250.00. An applicant who is the owner of an arcade shall pay an additional fee of \$10.00 per machine for each machine over 50 machines. The Amusement Games Control Commissioner may also prescribe the form for applications and licenses without the specific form appearing in the rules or regulations.

The bill also increases the annual fee charged certain agricultural associations for obtaining a State license to operate amusement games.

The committee was informed that the Amusement Games Control Commissioner and operators of amusement games support this bill.

SENATE LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY AND DEFENSE
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 3327

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 20, 1983

The purpose of Assembly Bill No. 3327 is to amend the "Amusement Games Licensing Law," P. L. 1959, c. 109 (C. 5:8-100 et seq.) to increase the fee which applicants must pay for a State license from \$150.00 to \$250.00 per year. An applicant who is the owner of an arcade would be required to pay an additional fee of \$10.00 per machine for each machine over 50 machines in the arcade. The Amusement Games Control Commissioner would be permitted to prescribe the form for applications and licenses without placing the specific form in the rules or regulations.

Assembly Bill No. 3327 also increases the annual fee charged to certain agricultural associations for obtaining a State license to operate amusement games.

The Department of Law and Public Safety estimates that enactment of Assembly Bill No. 3327 would bring an additional \$80,000.00 per year to the State. At the present time the State collects approximately \$120,000.00 per year from fees for licenses to conduct amusement games.

Assembly Bill No. 3327 is identical to Senate Bill No. 3161, which also was reported by the Senate Law, Public Safety and Defense Committee on June 20, 1983.

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A-3157, sponsored by Assemblyman Richard A. Zimmer, R-Hunterdon, which grants Civil Service status to certain employees of the Housing Finance Agency in the Department of Community Affairs.

A-1844, sponsored by Assemblyman (now Senator) Raymond Lesniak, D-Union, which provides that an individual is guilty of sexual assault if he commits an act of penetration with a mentally defective person.

S-1118, sponsored by State Senator Wayne Dumont, Jr., R-Warren, which repeals the section of the Municipal Land Use Law that requires loss of farmland tax assessment at the time of preliminary subdivision. Under the provisions of this bill the tax assessment would change when there is an actual change in the use of the land.

S-3426, sponsored by State Senator Walter Rand, D-Camden, which requires New Jersey Racing Commission approval prior to the purchase of racetrack shares of stock representing a 5 percent or greater interest in the racetrack. Under current law Racing Commission approval is required for every stock transaction, even a single share. With the recent sale of Garden State Racetrack to a public corporation, the Attorney General has estimated that application of the old law could require as many as 9,000 background checks that are required before the Racing Commission can act on stock transfers. S-3426 would require that such background checks and Racing Commission actions be limited to those who would hold controlling interests in racetracks.

A-3327, sponsored by Assemblyman John P. Doyle, D-Ocean, which amends the State Amusement Games Licensing Law to increase the licensing fee from \$150 to \$250. And arcade owners must pay an additional fee of \$10 per machine for each machine over 50.

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