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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal section 313.830, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to prohibited acts on excursion gambling boats, with penalty provisions.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 313.830, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 313.830, to read as follows:

313.830. 1. A person is guilty of a class D felony for any of the following:

(1) Operating a gambling excursion where wagering is used or to be used without a license issued by the commission;

(2) Operating a gambling excursion where wagering is permitted other than in the manner specified by section 313.817; or

(3) Acting, or employing a person to act, as a shill or decoy to encourage participation in a gambling game.

2. A person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor for the second and subsequent offenses for any of the following:

(1) Permitting a person under the age of twenty-one to make a wager while on an excursion gambling boat;

(2) Making or attempting to make a wager while on an excursion gambling boat when such person is under the age of twenty-one years; or

(3) Aiding a person who is under the age of twenty-one in entering an excursion gambling boat or in making or attempting to make a wager while on an excursion gambling boat.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 3. A person wagering or accepting a wager at any location outside the excursion
18 gambling boat is in violation of section 572.040, RSMo.

19 4. A person commits a class D felony and, in addition, shall be barred for life from
20 excursion gambling boats under the jurisdiction of the commission, if the person:

21 (1) Offers, promises, or gives anything of value or benefit to a person who is connected
22 with an excursion gambling boat operator including, but not limited to, an officer or employee
23 of a licensee or holder of an occupational license pursuant to an agreement or arrangement or
24 with the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit will influence the actions of the
25 person to whom the offer, promise, or gift was made in order to affect or attempt to affect the
26 outcome of a gambling game, or to influence official action of a member of the commission;

27 (2) Solicits or knowingly accepts or receives a promise of anything of value or benefit
28 while the person is connected with an excursion gambling boat including, but not limited to, an
29 officer or employee of a licensee, or holder of an occupational license, pursuant to an
30 understanding or arrangement or with the intent that the promise or thing of value or benefit will
31 influence the actions of the person to affect or attempt to affect the outcome of a gambling game,
32 or to influence official action of a member of the commission;

33 (3) Uses a device to assist in any of the following:

34 (a) In projecting the outcome of the game;

35 (b) In keeping track of the cards played;

36 (c) In analyzing the probability of the occurrence of an event relating to the gambling
37 game; or

38 (d) In analyzing the strategy for playing or betting to be used in the game, except as
39 permitted by the commission;

40 (4) Cheats at a gambling game;

41 (5) Manufactures, sells, or distributes any cards, chips, dice, game or device which is
42 intended to be used to violate any provision of sections 313.800 to 313.850;

43 (6) Instructs a person in cheating or in the use of a device for that purpose with the
44 knowledge or intent that the information or use conveyed may be employed to violate any
45 provision of sections 313.800 to 313.850;

46 (7) Alters or misrepresents the outcome of a gambling game on which wagers have been
47 made after the outcome is made sure but before it is revealed to the players;

48 (8) Places a bet after acquiring knowledge, not available to all players, of the outcome
49 of the gambling game which is the subject of the bet or to aid a person in acquiring the
50 knowledge for the purpose of placing a bet contingent on that outcome;

51 (9) Claims, collects, or takes, or attempts to claim, collect, or take, money or anything
52 of value in or from the gambling games, with intent to defraud, without having made a wager

53 contingent on winning a gambling game, or claims, collects, or takes an amount of money or
54 thing of value of greater value than the amount won;

55 (10) Knowingly entices or induces a person to go to any place where a gambling game
56 is being conducted or operated in violation of the provisions of sections 313.800 to 313.850 with
57 the intent that the other person plays or participates in that gambling game;

58 (11) Uses counterfeit chips or tokens in a gambling game;

59 (12) Knowingly uses, other than chips, tokens, coin, of other methods of credit approved
60 by the commission, legal tender of the United States of America, or to use coin not of the
61 denomination as the coin intended to be used in the gambling games;

62 (13) Has in the person's possession any device intended to be used to violate a provision
63 of sections 313.800 to 313.850;

64 (14) Has in the person's possession, except a gambling licensee or employee of a
65 gambling licensee acting in furtherance of the employee's employment, any key or device
66 designed for the purpose of opening, entering, or affecting the operation of a gambling game,
67 drop box, or an electronic or mechanical device connected with the gambling game or for
68 removing coins, tokens, chips or other contents of the gambling game; or

69 (15) Knowingly makes a false statement of any material fact to the commission, its
70 agents or employees.

71 5. The possession of one or more of the devices described in subdivision (3), (5), (13)
72 or (14) of subsection 4 of this section permits a rebuttable inference that the possessor intended
73 to use the devices for cheating.

74 6. [Except for wagers on gambling games or exchanges for money as provided in section
75 313.817, a licensee who exchanges tokens, chips, or other forms of credit to be used on gambling
76 games for anything of value commits a class B misdemeanor.

77 7.] If the commission determines that reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of
78 sections 313.800 to 313.850 has occurred or is occurring which is a criminal offense, the
79 commission shall refer such matter to both the state attorney general and the prosecuting attorney
80 or circuit attorney having jurisdiction. The state attorney general and the prosecuting attorney
81 or circuit attorney with such jurisdiction shall have concurrent jurisdiction to commence actions
82 for violations of sections 313.800 to 313.850 where such violations have occurred.

83 [8.] 7. Venue for all crimes committed on an excursion gambling boat shall be the
84 jurisdiction of the home dock city or county or such county where a home dock city is located.

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