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93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 313.820, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to the Law Enforcement Safety fund.

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

Section A. Section 313.820, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 313.820 and 590.803, to read as follows:

313.820. 1. An excursion boat licensee shall pay to the commission an admission fee of two dollars for each person embarking on an excursion gambling boat with a ticket of admission. One dollar of such fee shall be deposited to the credit of the gaming commission fund as authorized pursuant to section 313.835, [and one dollar] seventy-five cents of such fee 5 shall not be considered state funds and shall be paid to the home dock city or county, and twenty-five cents of such fee shall not be considered state funds and shall be paid to the state treasurer for deposit in the law enforcement safety fund as established in section **590.803**, **RSMo**. Subject to appropriation, one cent of such fee deposited to the credit of the gaming commission fund may be deposited to the credit of the compulsive gamblers fund created pursuant to the provisions of section 313.842. Nothing in this section shall preclude any licensee 10 from charging any amount deemed necessary for a ticket of admission to any person embarking 11 on an excursion gambling boat. If tickets are issued which are good for more than one excursion, 12 13 the admission fee shall be paid to the commission for each person using the ticket on each 14 excursion that the ticket is used. If free passes or complimentary admission tickets are issued, 15 the excursion boat licensee shall pay to the commission the same fee upon these passes or 16 complimentary tickets as if they were sold at the regular and usual admission rate; however, the

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.

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excursion boat licensee may issue fee-free passes to actual and necessary officials and employees of the licensee or other persons actually working on the excursion gambling boat. The issuance of fee-free passes is subject to the rules of the commission, and a list of all persons to whom the fee-free passes are issued shall be filed with the commission.

2. All licensees are subject to all income taxes, sales taxes, earnings taxes, use taxes, property taxes or any other tax or fee now or hereafter lawfully levied by any political subdivision; however, no other license tax, permit tax, occupation tax, excursion fee, or taxes or fees shall be imposed, levied or assessed exclusively upon licensees by a political subdivision. All state taxes not connected directly to gambling games shall be collected by the department of revenue. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 32.057, RSMo, to the contrary, the department of revenue may furnish and the commission may receive tax information to determine if applicants or licensees are complying with the tax laws of this state; however, any tax information acquired by the commission shall not become public record and shall be used exclusively for commission business.

590.803. There is hereby established a "Law Enforcement Safety Fund" which shall be under the management of a board of directors described in section 590.809. The board of directors shall be responsible for the administration and the investment of the funds of such fund. Neither the general assembly nor the governing body of a county shall appropriate funds for deposit in the fund. If insufficient funds are generated to provide the benefits payable under the provisions of sections 590.800 to 590.839, the board shall proportion the benefits according to the funds available.