



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: SB 78		DATE: 5/3/2021	
COMMITTEE: General Laws			
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For the last 20 years, I was employed at the Missouri Gaming Commission ("Commission") in the Electronic Gaming Device (EGD) Department. I was responsible for creating a specialized staff to oversee slot machines, slot machine accounting systems and ancillary technologies at Missouri Riverboats. During my tenure, I was charged with drafting rules and regulations governing slot machine technology and interacted with suppliers regarding product compliance. On July 27, 2020, Commission Deputy Director Timothy P. McGrail established a reduction of force policy which affected multiple positions. That day, Mr. McGrail provided notification that my position had been eliminated with my last day of employment on September 1, 2020. To the best of my knowledge, since the inception of the Commission, no employee had been subject to a reduction of force. The Commission effectively ended my career in a trade in which I had worked long and hard to develop applicable experience and substantial skills. As you can only imagine, the array of skills and abilities gained throughout my 20 year career are tailor-made and do make me an attractive candidate to be hired by casinos and gaming related companies. However, it is currently illegal if I were to engage in gambling operations and activities of a licensed entity. Therefore, I am in full support of SB 78, which modifies § 313.004 (10), RSMo, for an exception for individuals which encounter this hardship. Additionally, this language will ensure a provision is added to address future reductions in force. Notably, such an amendment would bring Missouri law into alignment with law in other states



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I am Opposed to this Bill. This Legislation is discriminatory with bad government hiring Practices and giving preferential treatment to one group of Citizens over many other groups from Equal Opportunity Employment Opportunities. This is bad practice and I ask that the Committee on General Laws and the House of Representatives defeat this Bill.