

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1947

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MYERS.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 650, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the establishment of the Missouri gaming bureau.

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

Section A. Chapter 650, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 650.930, to read as follows:

650.930. 1. There is hereby established within the department of public safety the "Missouri Gaming Bureau". The Missouri gaming commission and the Missouri lottery commission may contract with the Missouri gaming bureau for assistance in criminal and regulatory investigations involving individuals, companies, and suppliers who are applying for licensure or who are conducting any activities under sections 313.800 to 313.850 or operations relating to video lottery games.

2. The director of the gaming bureau shall be a uniformed member of the Missouri state highway patrol who shall be appointed by the superintendent of the state highway patrol. The director shall be responsible for the administrative operations of the gaming bureau and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated or assigned to the director by the department of public safety. Members of the state highway patrol, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the state highway patrol, may provide services to the gaming bureau. The director may employ additional members of the state highway patrol to serve in the gaming bureau, provided that such persons are licensed peace officers under chapter 590 and have a minimum of six hundred hours of law enforcement training.

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. Members of the gaming bureau shall have full power and authority as are now**
18 **or hereafter vested by law in peace officers when working with the bureau, which shall**
19 **include the power to enforce the rules of the gaming commission with respect to the**
20 **gaming and lottery industry and the power to investigate violations occurring on the**
21 **gaming floors and premises of casinos licensed under sections 313.800 to 313.850,**
22 **violations by licensees of the lottery commission, and violations of chapter 572.**

23 **4. Members of the gaming bureau shall be paid from funds designated as**
24 **administrative within the state lottery fund established under section 313.321 that were**
25 **generated from revenues received by the Missouri lottery commission from the sale of**
26 **Missouri lottery tickets and from license fees and reimbursements associated with the**
27 **regulation and operation of video lottery games in the state and from funds designated**
28 **as administrative within the gaming commission fund established under section 313.835**
29 **that were generated from revenues received by the Missouri gaming commission from**
30 **license fees and reimbursements associated with the regulation and operation of**
31 **excursion gambling boats in the state.**

32 **5. The director of the department of public safety may promulgate all necessary**
33 **rules and regulations for the administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a**
34 **rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority**
35 **delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to**
36 **all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and**
37 **chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly**
38 **pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul**
39 **a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority**
40 **and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2026, shall be invalid and void.**

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