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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT

Introduced By: Representatives San Bento, Rose, Singleton, Shanley, and Slater

Date Introduced: January 03, 2008

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Sections 42-61.2-1 and 42-61.2-6 of the General Laws in Chapter 42-61.2
2 entitled "Video Lottery Terminal" are hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **42-61.2-1. Definitions.** -- For the purpose of this chapter, the following words shall
4 mean:

5 (1) "Central communication system" means a system approved by the lottery division,
6 linking all video lottery machines at a licensee location to provide auditing program information
7 and any other information determined by the lottery. In addition, the central communications
8 system must provide all computer hardware and related software necessary for the establishment
9 and implementation of a comprehensive system as required by the division. The central
10 communications licensee may provide a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the video lottery
11 terminals.

12 (2) "Licensed video lottery retailer" means a pari-mutuel licensee specifically licensed
13 by the director subject to the approval of the division to become a licensed video lottery retailer.

14 (3) "Net terminal income" means currency placed into a video lottery terminal less
15 credits redeemed for cash by players.

16 (4) "Pari-mutuel licensee" means an entity licensed and authorized to conduct:

17 (i) Dog racing, pursuant to chapter 3.1 of title 41; and/or

18 (ii) Jai-alai games, pursuant to chapter 7 of title 41.

19 (5) "Technology provider" means any individual, partnership, corporation, or association

1 that designs, manufactures, installs, operates, distributes or supplies video lottery machines or
2 associated equipment for the sale or use in this state.

3 (6) "Video lottery games" means lottery games played on video lottery terminals
4 controlled by the lottery division.

5 (7) "Video lottery terminal" means any electronic computerized video game machine
6 that, upon the insertion of cash, is available to play a video game authorized by the lottery
7 division, and which uses a video display and microprocessors in which, by chance, the player
8 may receive free games or credits that can be redeemed for cash. The term does not include a
9 machine that directly dispenses coins, cash, or tokens.

10 **42-61.2-6. When games may be played.** – (a) Video lottery games authorized by this
11 chapter may be played at the licensed video lottery retailer's facilities with the approval of the
12 lottery commission even if that facility is not conducting a pari-mutuel event.

13 (b) Upon the effective date of this section, the facilities known as "Twin River" in
14 Lincoln, Rhode Island, and "Newport Grand" in Newport, Rhode Island, are permitted at their
15 discretion to maintain and operate all video lottery games which said facilities are authorized to
16 conduct on a twenty-four (24) hour basis, on weekends and federal or state recognized holidays.
17 For purposes of operating these additional hours on weekends, the facility may open at its
18 regularly scheduled time on Friday, and then remain open through its regular closing time on
19 Sunday evening, except that if the federal or state holiday is recognized on a Monday, the facility
20 may remain open through to that Monday and close at the normal closing time on Monday. For
21 purposes of operating these additional hours on federal or state recognized holidays, the facility
22 may open at its regular time on the day preceding the holiday, and then remain open through to
23 what would be its regular closing time on the holiday. It shall be the duty of the pari-mutuel
24 licensees operating the respective facilities, under the supervision of the division of state lottery,
25 to account for the amount of funds generated during and by these additional hours of operation.
26 The normal closing time for said facilities shall be no later than three (3) o'clock A.M. except as
27 provided herein.

28 SECTION 2 This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit the operation of video lottery games on a twenty-four hour basis
2 on weekends and federally recognized holidays at the Twin River and Newport Grand facilities.

3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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