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SYNOPSIS

Creates nine-member “New Jersey Casino Oversight Consolidation Commission.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT creating the “New Jersey Casino Oversight Consolidation
2 Commission.”

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. There is hereby created the “New Jersey Casino Oversight
8 Consolidation Commission.”

9 The commission shall be composed of nine members as follows:
10 the Attorney General, or the designee thereof; the State Treasurer,
11 or the designee thereof; one member appointed by the Governor;
12 one member of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate;
13 one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority Leader of the
14 Senate; one member of the General Assembly appointed by the
15 Speaker of the General Assembly; one member of the General
16 Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader of the General
17 Assembly; the Mayor of the city of Atlantic City, or the designee
18 thereof; and one member selected by the Casino Association of
19 New Jersey.

20 b. All appointments to the commission shall be made within 60
21 days after the effective date of this act, P.L. , c. (pending
22 before the Legislature as this bill). Any vacancy in the membership
23 of the commission shall be filled by appointment in the same
24 manner as the original appointment was made. Members of the
25 commission shall serve without compensation. The member
26 appointed by the Governor and the member selected by the Casino
27 Association of New Jersey shall be entitled to actual and necessary
28 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to this
29 act within the limit of funds appropriated or otherwise made
30 available to the commission for its purposes.

31 c. The commission shall organize within 30 days after the
32 appointment of its members, and shall select a chair and vice chair
33 from among its members who shall not be members of the same
34 political party. The commission may also appoint a secretary who
35 need not be a member of the commission.

36 d. The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
37 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State department,
38 board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require and as may
39 be available to it for its purposes.

40 e. It shall be the duty of the commission to study, and make
41 findings and recommendations, on the consolidation of the
42 functions and duties of the Casino Reinvestment Development
43 Authority, the Casino Control Commission, the Division of Gaming
44 Enforcement in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the
45 Casino Revenue Fund Advisory Commission, and any other board,
46 commission, agency, or part thereof that is directly involved in the
47 licensing and oversight of casino gaming operations in this State,
48 for the purpose of creating a single State entity to achieve greater

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1 efficiency and effectiveness and cost savings in the licensing and
2 oversight of casino gaming operations in this State while continuing
3 strict enforcement of existing statutes and regulations to prevent
4 unlawful activity and corruption with respect to casino gaming
5 operations in this State.

6 f. The commission shall meet monthly and shall hold at least
7 three public hearings in various locations around the State for the
8 purpose of taking testimony regarding the matters to be studied by
9 the commission.

10 g. The commission shall prepare a final report containing its
11 findings and recommendations and shall submit the report to the
12 Governor, and to the Legislature pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
13 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), no later than six months following its
14 organizational meeting. The final report shall be made available to
15 the public, on the date of its submission to the Governor, on the
16 website of the Office of the Governor.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon
19 the submission of the commission's report to the Governor and the
20 Legislature pursuant to subsection g. of section 1 of
21 P.L. , c. (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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STATEMENT

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26 This bill creates the "New Jersey Casino Oversight
27 Consolidation Commission."

28 The purpose of the commission will be to study and make
29 findings and recommendations on the consolidation of the functions
30 and duties of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, the
31 Casino Control Commission, the Division of Gaming Enforcement
32 in the Department of Law and Public Safety, and the Casino
33 Revenue Fund Advisory Commission, and any other board,
34 commission, agency, or part thereof that is directly involved in the
35 licensing and oversight of casino gaming operations in this State,
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38 oversight of casino gaming operations in this State while continuing
39 strict enforcement of existing statutes and regulations to prevent
40 unlawful activity and corruption with respect to casino gaming
41 operations in this State. The final report of the commission will be
42 submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

43 The bill provides that the commission will be composed of nine
44 members: the Attorney General, or the designee thereof; the State
45 Treasurer, or the designee thereof; one member appointed by the
46 Governor; one member of the Senate appointed by the President of
47 the Senate; one member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
48 Leader of the Senate; one member of the General Assembly

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2 the General Assembly appointed by the Minority Leader of the
3 General Assembly; the Mayor of the city of Atlantic City, or the
4 designee thereof; and one member selected by the Casino
5 Association of New Jersey.

6 The commission is to meet monthly and hold at least three public
7 hearings in various locations around the State. It is to prepare and
8 issue a final report containing its findings and recommendations no
9 later than six months following its organizational meeting.