

SENATE, No. 759

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BUBBA

1 AN ACT concerning the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
2 and supplementing P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.).

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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. Each member of the authority shall file with the Executive
8 Commission on Ethical Standards a financial disclosure statement
9 listing all assets and liabilities, property and business interests, and
10 sources of income of the member and the member's spouse and a
11 financial disclosure statement listing all assets and liabilities, property
12 and business interests, and sources of income of the member's parents,
13 siblings and children. Statements shall be under oath and shall be filed
14 at the time of appointment and annually thereafter.

15 b. Each employee of the authority, except for secretarial and
16 clerical personnel, shall file with the Executive Commission on Ethical
17 Standards a financial disclosure statement listing all assets and
18 liabilities, property and business interests, and sources of income of
19 the employee and the employee's spouse. A statement shall be under
20 oath and shall be filed at the time of employment and annually
21 thereafter.

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23 2. a. The "New Jersey Conflicts of Interest Law," P.L.1971, c.182
24 (C.52:13D-12 et seq.) shall apply to the members and employees of
25 the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, except as herein
26 specifically provided.

27 b. Within 90 days after the effective date of P.L. , c. (C.)
28 (now pending before the Legislature as this bill), the authority shall
29 revise its code of ethics, promulgated pursuant to section 6 of
30 P.L.1971, c.182 (C.52:13D-23), to include provisions modeled on the
31 code of ethics promulgated by the Casino Control Commission
32 pursuant to section 59 of P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-59). The code of
33 ethics shall include, but not be limited to, provisions that address the
34 propriety of relationships and dealings between the authority and its
35 staff, and licensees and applicants for licensure under the Casino
36 Control Act, P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-1 et seq.). The code of ethics
37 may be more restrictive than required by the laws of this State.

1 c. The authority shall submit the revised code of ethics to the
2 Executive Commission on Ethical Standards for its approval.

3 d. The code of ethics shall include, but not be limited to, the
4 following provisions:

5 (1) no member or employee of the authority shall act in an official
6 capacity in any matter in which the member or employee, or the
7 spouse, child, parent or sibling of the member or employee, has a
8 direct or indirect personal financial interest which might reasonably be
9 expected to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of the
10 member or employee; and

11 (2) no authority member shall meet with any person, except for
12 another member or employee of the authority, or discuss any issues
13 involving any matter whatsoever which may reasonably be expected to
14 come before the authority unless the authority is informed of the
15 meeting in a statement specifying what was discussed thereat and the
16 statement is filed with the secretary of the authority. All meetings or
17 discussions subject to this paragraph shall be noted in a log maintained
18 for this purpose and available for public inspection pursuant to
19 P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.).

20 The code shall not include a prohibition on gambling in the casinos
21 in this State by a member or employee of the authority.

22 e. No member or employee of the authority shall have any interest,
23 direct or indirect, in any applicant or any person licensed or registered
24 with the Casino Control Commission while holding office or
25 employment except as may be permitted by subsection a. of section 1
26 of P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending before the Legislature as this
27 bill).

28 f. A member of the authority may engage in gainful employment to
29 the extent that it does not interfere with the duty of the member to the
30 commission.

31 g. An employee of the commission may engage in such other
32 gainful employment as shall not interfere or be in conflict with the
33 employee's duty to the authority, upon approval of the authority.

34 h. No member or employee of the authority shall:

35 (1) use the official authority or influence of the member or
36 employee for the purpose of interfering with or affecting the result of
37 an election or nomination for office;

38 (2) directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command or
39 advise any person to pay, lend or contribute anything of value to a
40 party, committee, organization, agency or person for political
41 purposes; or

42 (3) hold any federal, State or local government elective public
43 office or take any active part in political campaigns or the management
44 thereof; provided, however, that nothing herein shall prohibit a
45 member or employee from voting as he chooses or from expressing
46 personal opinions on political subjects or candidates.

1 3. a The provisions of this act, P.L. , c. (C.) (now pending
2 before the Legislature as this bill), shall not apply to any member of
3 the authority who also serves as a member of the Casino Control
4 Commission or as State Treasurer or who is appointed to the authority
5 by the Governor as a representative of the casino hotel industry.

6 b. The provisions of subsection h. of section 2 of this act shall not
7 apply to the member of the authority who is also the Mayor of Atlantic
8 City.

9 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (3) of subsection
10 h. of section 2 of this act, a member or employee of the authority who,
11 on the effective date of this act, also holds an elective public office,
12 other than the office of Mayor of Atlantic City, may continue to serve
13 as a member or employee of the authority, and shall be eligible for
14 subsequent appointments as a member or subsequent employment as
15 an employee, as the case may be, while holding that elective public
16 office and may take an active part in political campaigns for that
17 elective public office.

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19 4. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be applicable in
20 all respects to members of the authority on the effective date.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill supplements the "Casino Control Act," P.L.1977, c.110
26 (C.5:12-1 et seq.), to establish ethical standards for the members and
27 employees of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority
28 (CRDA), by requiring CRDA members and employees to file financial
29 disclosure statements and mandating that the authority revise its code
30 of ethics to include provisions modeled on the code of ethics
31 promulgated by the Casino Control Commission. The bill stipulates
32 that except as otherwise provided, the "New Jersey Conflicts of
33 Interest Law" shall apply to CRDA members and employees.

34 The provisions of this bill would not apply to a CRDA member
35 who: (1) also serves as a member of the Casino Control Commission;
36 (2) is the State Treasurer; or (3) is appointed to the authority by the
37 Governor as a representative of the casino hotel industry. The limits
38 on political activity would not apply to the CRDA member who also
39 serves as the Mayor of Atlantic City, and a member or employee of the
40 Casino Reinvestment Development Authority on the effective date of
41 this act (other than the Mayor of Atlantic City) who also holds an
42 elective public office may continue to serve as a member or employee
43 of the authority, and shall be eligible for subsequent appointments as
44 a member or employee, while holding that elective office.

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4 Casino Reinvestment Development Authority.