

Prior law prohibited any person under the age of 21 years to enter or be permitted to enter, the designated gaming area of a riverboat, the official gaming establishment, or the designated slot machine gaming area of a pari-mutuel wagering facility which offers live horse racing licensed for operation and regulated by the Gaming Control Board.

New law retains prior law but provides an exception for emergency responders under the age of 21 who are acting in their official capacity to enter such area.

Prior law provided that any person who has or controls directly or indirectly five percent or more ownership, income, or profit or economic interest in an entity which has or applies for a license or permit or enters into a casino operating contract with the state pursuant to the provisions of this Title, or who receives five percent or more revenue interest in the form of a commission, finder's fee, loan repayment, or any other business expense related to the gaming operation, or who has the ability, in the opinion of the board, to exercise a significant influence over a licensee, the casino gaming operator, a permittee, or other person required to be found suitable pursuant to the provisions of law, is also required to meet all suitability requirements and qualifications pursuant to the provisions of law.

New law retains prior law and requires any person who also has the capacity to exercise a significant influence over a licensee, the casino gaming operator, or a permittee, is also required to meet all suitability requirements and qualifications.

New law provides that in determining whether a person has significant influence, the board or division may consider but is not limited to the following: management and decision making authority; operational control; financial relationship; receipt of gaming revenue or proceeds; financial indebtedness; and gaming related associations.

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(Amends R.S. 14:90.5(B) and R.S. 27:28(H)(1))